female figure conveys so little of the idea of civ o polit. liberty that the addition of the word "Liberty" was prudently adopted to help out the meaning. This addition it is true may ~~help out the~~ cover the deficit. The Eagle also is so far from being exclusively American or Republican that that it is employed as an Emblem for despotic Russia and Austria and other Monarchies of the Old world; but whilst it is liable to that objection and is moreover a difficult subject to manage effectively in coinage, it is to be considered whether it should be abandoned especially in view of its giving a name to most of our gold series. The pileus or liberty cap placed by the Romans upon the head of a slave in token of his manumission has been very much used and is perhaps a worn out idea. The Greek emblem of liberty was a horse or head of a horse without a bridle. It may well be considered whether there is any necessity for our going back so far or seeking for emblems of doubtful appropriateness. We should endeavour to adopt such designs as would be expressive of our institutions and peculiar to our country. The difficulty is in the preparation of such designs as will unite beauty with propriety and be at the same time suitable for coinage. It has been suggested to place the head of Washington on our coin. From the time of Cesar people have looked to the image on the Coin to determine who was the Sovereign; but where the Sovereignty resides in the people it would seem that the head on the

should be strictly impersonal and yet as the name of
Washington has become a synonym for freedom and though
purely American, yet regarded every where as the most complete
emblem of Modern liberty, I have deemed it proper to suggest
it for your consideration. The head of an Indian with
head dress of plumes is generally adopted as an emblem
of America. Such a design would be significant of our
County and an appropriate and

thinking emblem of Liberty. An open volume
being the word constitution might be a fit em-
blem & display an love of union. A bunde
of 31 arrows gracefully united by a tie
or a fasteon of 31 months wd. express the
same idea. A combination of our staple
products from the N. S. E. & W. might be
emblematic of the extent & unity of our
country. Some such ideas as these may
lead to better ones, & give us the high
satisfaction of presenting to the country
some new & striking device & a real
improvement in the National currency.

D. R. S.
D.

Hon Jos. Gilpin
Sec. of Tr.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 26 July 1853.

Sir

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 21st inst. & you
ring the suggestions which it contains in relation to the subject
of procuring the character of the coinage.

In regard to the preparation of dies &c, I have to say that the
plans for proposals to invite the competition of artists, engravers and
persons of taste generally. This will produce a more general compe-
tition, and relieve us from the responsibility of selecting the particular ones
who may engage, and thus prejudging their qualifications. The making
of the dies, from the models &c &c &c, is the work only of artists of skill
& experience, and we may not find it necessary to give to general
competition in the first instance, but only to select from those who are
skilled in that particular. But on this subject I will confer with
you when it shall have become necessary to act.

I enclose a copy of my notice to the public for your inspection.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your obt servt

Robert M. Patterson
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury,
Washington.

THE CHICAGO BANK.

E. H. BURCH & CO.

Chicago, July 2nd 1853

To E. C. Dale Esq
Treas.r of the Mint
Phila.a

Dear Sir.

Herewith I send Draft on the American Exchange Bank, New York, for $100. for purposes stated below. Exchange ~~~

Respectfully,
Your Ob.t Serv.t
D.W. Burch Cash.r
per Rendict

Please send $100. in Pennies, in your usual manner, to my address

Phila.a July 7th 53

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WILLIAM A. BUTLER & CO.,
Exchange, Banking and Collection Office,
Detroit July 20th 1853

United States Mint

We sent by Express
May 9th 1853 — 1 Bag Containing $219.10
in Silver Coin requesting the proceeds to be
sent us in Small Coin. Was it received
and when may we expect to get return

Respectfully Yours
Wm A Butler & Co
by D Sinclair

Rec'd 23d July — Amt. $219 — hope to be able to
pay in return in about 5 days. We commence
here a very great stringency in

759

Farmers and Mechanics Bank.

Easton, July 21 1853

Treasurer of the U.S. Mint

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the ____ with the enclosures, as stated, came duly to hand. Will you be kind enough to inform me at your earliest convenience how soon we can draw the amt of our check dated the 18th of May in New Orleans Coin

Very respectfully, M. E. Bowman Cashier.

Rec'd 23d July, Amt. Do — Impossible to tell yr are working night & day — hope to have every thing up in about 8 days to reach your letter of 19th inst. Thank

Treasury Department
May 21. 1800

Sir

I have received your letter of the 17 inst. accompanied by three Medals, which appear to me, to be very handsome Specimens of engraving—

The plan you propose of applying to the principal Artists of the Country for suggesting of new emblems for certain pieces of the Coinage, for improvements in the present emblems and specimens of engraving, is approved.— In the letter particular, our Coins require improvement, and may probably in the way suggested, be improved, but I entertain great doubt of the possibility of changing or improving the present device. There can be no objection, however, to the experiment, and I wish be happy of your aid to embrace any suggestions which your invitation may produce.—

Permit me to suggest the name of Mr Edward Stabler of Sandy Spring Maryland, as an Engraver, to whom with others, it may be desirable for you to apply.—

Treasury Department Office of
Comptroller of the Currency

R. M. Thurston Esq
Director of the Mint
Philada

1214

Wm. A. Davies, Prest.
F. W. Davis, Cashier.

FARMERS AND MANUFACTURERS' BANK

Poughkeepsie, 21 July 1858

U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Your favor of the is received with inclosures as stated.

Truly Yours, F. W. Davis Cash

~~Please to receive~~ On the 11th inst. I sent by Express a bag of Silver Coin - by our Count $101.37 with a request that the amount be returned in Dimes & half Dimes - Say $100. in Dimes & the balance in Half Dimes of the new Coinage -

I beg leave to inquire whether it has been rec'd and how soon probably I can receive returns -

The parcel was marked

"From Farmers & Manufacturers Bank, Poughkeepsie N.Y. U. S. Mint Philadelphia Pa."

Rec'd 23 July - Am't sent - $100.00 sent 21 inst 1858 - any time in July - can't tell when they will be issued on Mach. book - works night & day - hope in about 3 wks to pay every body in demand

May 26 - 849
June 2 - 910

Rec'd. 28 July
Ans 29.

Mint Bucyrus July 21st 1853

Wm E. C. Hale,
Treas US Mint,
Dear Sir,

On the 18th of May I sent to your address by the Adams Express Co. One Hundred Dollars and 8 cents, for the purpose of procuring some Small change, the object of this communication is to ~~know~~ ascertain if you have received that package of Silver coin, On the 25th of May I sent One Hundred Dollars more for the Coining of this Place, for the same purpose, Neither of these packages have been heard from since they left this City. You will much oblige me, by informing me, if those two packages arrived safe at the Mint, and if so, at what time may we look for the packages containing the Small change, Small change of all kinds is very much needed in this Western Country.

Your Obt. Servent
A Gillespie,

Cleveland July 21st 1853

Dr Sir

Enclosed we send Draft of Bank Commerce on Riley & Rockefeller NY for One Hundred Dolls. Please send Copper Cone for it

Respectfully Yours
T S Brockett & Co

To David Sturgeon Esq

Steubenville July 25 53

Recd 27th July
Ans 28th

Cleveland July 22/53

To the
Treasurer or Assayers
Sirs

I sent
About five weeks ago. Sixty odd
ounces of Silver. to the Mint. to
have it coind. and Returnd. to this
Place. I have not yet herd from
it. Please answer and let me
know. it was sent by the
American express company.
I Joins with Respect.

George Brown

Treasury Department
July 22 1837

Sir

I have duly received
Your letter of the 21st instant.
and approve the notice, including
the existing price, which you pro
pose to publish, for the purchase
of Silver. The notice is herewith
returned.

The mode of paying for
Silver, delivered at New Orleans,
will be for the Seller to obtain
from the Assistant Treasurer,
a certificate setting forth the
weight and value; which Certificate
being transmitted to this Department,
he will cause a draft Transfer on
New York.

Samuel Ralston
Secretary

Thomas Swan Esqr
Director of the Mint at Phila.

U. S. Mint. 23 July 1853
Melter & Refiner's Office

Dear Sir

I find upon a careful examination of the Capacity of my Department that I shall be able to execute about twice the amount of work in melting silver that I have heretofore executed, say at the rate of $1½ millions pr. month; - provided the assays of our ingots are made as rapidly as we make them, & the Treas.r will receive them as soon as the assay is reported. The reason of this condition is that we have not, & cannot possibly find room in the vault to keep ingots on hand. - To execute the amount above specified, I shall be obliged to work over-time almost daily in all the melting rooms, & I may require an addition of two hands to my present force.

H. Snowden, Esq.r
Director

very Respectfully
J. A. Booth Melr & Refr

CIRCULAR:

Mint of the United States.

PHILADELPHIA, July 26TH, 1853.

The Director of the Mint, under the sanction of the 7th section of the act of March 3, 1853, authorising new devices for the silver coinage of the United States, and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, invites the co-operation of Artists, Engravers, and other persons of taste to aid him in effecting that object, and requests such as may be so disposed to forward to him, before the first day of October next, such designs as they may deem appropriate to that coinage.

The law having imposed no restrictions in relation to the devices, the Director abstains from advancing any suggestions on the subject, it being his wish that the designer should be entirely untrammelled in the exercise of his judgment and skill.

An impartial examination will be made of the designs which may be furnished in accordance with this request; and for those three which shall appear best fitted to the object in view, a competent and liberal remuneration will be made.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
DIRECTOR.

Rec'd and Ans.

THE CITY BANK,

Chicago, April 27 1858.

H. Simpson Esq Sirs

Pursuant to 18th day of April last we sent you by Adams Express Co's American and other sides $2294 the premiums on which according to your advertized rates should be about $94 making a total of $2385 instead of which we received only $2284.17 — a discrepancy of $14.67. I presume this is occasioned by some mistake which I would be glad to have you rectify;

Yours truly

H. B. Leavitt Cashr

435 — 224.17 / 210.83 / 4.95

179.5 / 12.1 / 1795 / 1795 / 21.195

Office of the Louisville Ins. Co.
Louisville July 23. 1828

Gentlemen:

I have examined your Policy No. 1[illegible] and
retain a 10 per Cent Steel particular. You
will observe rates & pro[illegible] Policy
is written by you and we will take some
Convenient means of remitting you the amount.

[illegible] it is desirable [illegible] that you should
[illegible] you an alternate quadrat you
will oblige us. We [illegible] that
they differ in diameter from the bottle you
usually make and also the increased risk
in boarding, it to be taken into account that
they are [illegible] subjects for [illegible] in making
your selection of the Corn.

We are with great respect
Yours &c.
[illegible] & Shreve, James R. Pitchlynn
[illegible] Corn. Director

P.S. Ask at what time you can [illegible] the.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 29 July 1852.

Sir,

I have communicated to Mr. Geo. Eckfeldt the contents of your letter of the 26th, and he is prepared to proceed to California on the terms mentioned, with this explanation, known, that his compensation which is to be deducted from his bill of expenses shall be at the rate of $3.85 per diem (his actual pay) and not $2000. per annum as you have directed. You have erroneously assumed, I suppose, that Mr. Eckfeldt's salary was $2000.; it is in fact only what has been mentioned. Mr. Eckfeldt is not an officer, but the foreman of the machinery.

I have the honor to be
with great respect y.r ob.t hum.t

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon Jas. Guthrie
Sec'y of the Treasury
Washington.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 30 July 1853.

Sir:

By the 38th. section of the Mint Act of Jan. 18th. 1837, with reference to payments to depositors, it is declared "that in the denominations of coins delivered the Treasurer shall amply wish the wishes of the depositor, unless when inconvenient or impracticable to do so, in which case the denominations of coin shall be determined by the Director."

It is undoubtedly a wise public policy to endeavor, by all proper methods, to impede the largest possible amounts of specie into actual hand to hand currency, and it is quite certain that, to effect that object, so far as gold is concerned, the coin should be of the smaller denominations. The double-eagle may be considered as practically useless for the purposes of such a circulation as I refer to. It rarely passes beyond banks or sub-treasuries, or if it does so, it is returned forthwith. The smaller denominations, particularly from the half-eagle down, when once paid out to the people are apt to remain outstanding in circulation, and to that extent to supplant the small paper currency.

It has appeared to me, from a view of these facts, that it would be wise for the Mint, for a time at least, to reduce the coinage of the eagle, half-eagle, quarter-eagle & dollar, in the proportion of, say one half of the two first, and half of the two last denominations. At present it will be very convenient for us to do this, since in consequence of the heavy amounts of bullion cast into refined bars, our coinage of gold is greatly diminished

ished. I do not doubt my authority to direct in what proportions the prints should be issued, but inasmuch as the grounds of policy which would influence me in the step I have suggested might not seem as clear to the Department as to myself, I have to ask your approval to the proportions of issue I have indicated, or that you will suggest what other proportion may seem to you advisable.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obt. servt.

Saml. Ruggles Thrasher.
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury.
Washington City.

U. S. Mint, Treasury Office
July 19th 1853.

My dear Sir,

You are aware that in consequence of the great increase in business in the Treasurer's office, and of the resignation of Mr. Robert Denning, the Book Keeper of the Mint, a reorganization of that department has become necessary.

Having occupied, at different times, the various positions held by the several clerks of the Treasurer and having thus become familiar with the entire routine of duties belonging thereto, I consider the present a fitting opportunity for inviting your favorable consideration of the following suggestions, which my personal position and interest will form my excuse for presenting to you.

The calculations of the deposits were assigned to me shortly after the great influx of gold into the Mint from California. At the time of my entering upon the performance of this duty, I found three clerks regularly engaged on the different portions of this work, which I now perform alone by using a method devised by me

so suited to the operation and results, that the papers upon which they are entered may be copied by the press and substituted for the abstract required for the department at Washington. In addition to the saving of time and labor consequent upon the use of my method, I have devised an easy and simple check upon the correctness of the net value payable to the depositor for his gold, which secures entire accuracy in all the calculations, and greatly expedites the business of furnishing assay memorandums to the depositors and of making the necessary payments with the least possible delay.

So valuable has this method proved to the principal depositors of bullion, that they have expressed to me their willingness to compensate me therefor, but I have always felt it to be my duty as an officer of government to decline and always have declined receiving any compensation beyond that furnished by government.

These suggestions prepare the way for me to remark further that since the law went into effect authorizing the coining of gold into ingots or fine bars, my labor has been greatly increased thus enhancing the value of that labor to the department.

Besides this circumstance, which would of itself justify me in asking for an additional compensation the changes which result from the resignation referred to, will impose upon me at least the supervision (a matter of much care as well as of no small labor) of the work heretofore performed by Mr. Dunning, and it may be considered by yourself and the Trustees for the interests of the Institution, to engage my extra services to do a portion of that work.

I am aware that the law limits the salaries of the Clerks, but it is also within my knowledge that the department has approved, in some cases, of the Directors warrant authorizing payment to be made to one of the Clerks for services rendered by him out of the line of his official duty, and believing it is freely admitted that the salary as it now stands is inadequate in view of the constantly and rapidly increasing cost of living and is disproportioned to the value of the services which my position as the Clerk the longest in service at the Mint enables me to render, I feel assured that it will comport with your views of propriety and justice to recognize my claims for additional compensation, either for my rendering any additional services, but at the same time I am perfectly willing to take a portion of the work formerly performed by Mr. Dunning, or of the work connected with the calculation of the standard weight and value of the fine bars as a special consideration for the department for authorizing a payment to me of $100 per quarter

in addition to what I now receive.

In presenting to your notice the present posture of affairs in the Treasury office, I have taken the liberty of inviting your attention to the consideration of my own position and claims; feeling assured, that your action will accord with what you deem to be their true merits.

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
Geo. N. Edelman
Treasurer Office Clerk

To
Col James Ross Snowden
Director Mint Mint

U.S. Mint, Treasurer's Office,
August 24th 1853.

My dear Sir,

As I am desirous of being distinctly understood, both as to the terms of my proposition and the time for acting upon the same, I would respectfully submit the whole matter to you in the following form, so that I may receive from you a decisive and final answer in respect of either proposition in all this month.

1st. I will continue to discharge the duties now devolving upon me, for $1600 per annum.

2d. I will add to those duties that of making out the assay memorandums for the depositors, for the sum of $1800 per annum.

3d. I will keep the Bullion Journal & Ledger in addition to the duties first named, for the sum of $2000 per annum.

I have stated that I wish to receive your reply before the 1st proxo, and as I have given you my reason in our conversation of yesterday, I may be excused for repeating it here. My purpose is to have

the Mint on the 15th prox in case you should see
proper to reject my propositions. If you judge fit
to comply with the terms I have named, and
obtain the consent of the Secretary thereto, I shall
prosecute with zeal & ardor the work assigned me
at the Mint, but if it be otherwise determined,
I shall feel at liberty to quit my present post of
labor, to which I was invited 16 years ago, and
where I have spent the best part of my life
for the benefit of the Institution, and that
without sufficient remuneration.

Faithfully & Respectfully Yours
Chs. N. Edelman
Treasurer's Office Clerk

To
Col. James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

U.S. Mint, Treasurer's Office,
Monday, Augt 29th 1853.

My dear Sir,

On the 27th inst I received your favor of the 26th & embrace the first opportunity I can command to reply to it, and to thank you for the satisfaction that you express in relation to the value of my services.

In our conversation this morning, I took occasion to invite your attention to the character and extent of those services both as to the advantages accruing to the Mint and the benefit to the monied interests of the community, as represented through the heavy depositors of bullion here. I mentioned that, during the recent severe pressure in the money market in N. York, I was enabled to furnish by the use of my method of calculations, over $ 600,000 to depositors a day in advance of what could have been done by any other known method. Of course it is for the department to say whether they desire such services to be performed for the community. I am satisfied that the good name of the Mint is greatly promoted thereby, and I have been informed by parties interested in that matter, that $2000 to $2500 would not be too large a compensation for such

services alone. I also stated that in 1850, I informed the department that I was unwilling to give the Mint the benefit of my services without some remuneration and explained to you why I was prevented urging my claims.

In this aspect of the case, I have fully determined, upon mature deliberation, that it is not for my interest to continue my connection with the Mint any longer, unless my services are appreciated in a form that will furnish me some equitable equivalent in a pecuniary shape.

In conclusion I would respectfully assure you of my readiness to promote the best interests of the Institution, as far as in my power, but I shall expect to receive for my services after the 15th prox. $2000 per annum. If it be your pleasure to attach to my present duties, that of Keeping the Bullion Journal and Ledger, I will embrace it in my proposition, but whether I am called upon to discharge the duties now devolving upon me, or am required to add thereto, the one I have just named, I have fully decided to resign my situation at the Mint at the time specified unless I shall receive $2000 per annum.

Faithfully respectfully
Yours
Geo. W. Eckman
Treasurer's Office Clerk

Col. James Ross Snowden
Director Mint

Mint of the United States.
Philada: Aug. 30. 1853.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of yesterday. The maximum salary for clerks in the Mint being fixed by law at $1200. it will be out of my power to recommend an increase of your salary to $2000. per annum. I beg to refer you to the 7th Resol. of the General Mint Law passed Jan.y 18th 1837, I must therefore adhere to the views I expressed in my letter of the 26th inst.

If you present to me, in writing your method of calculation and it is found to be such as can be communicated to others so as to be of service to the government, I will take pleasure in addressing the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject of a proper remuneration. I am well satisfied that your services are of great value to the Mint, but under existing laws your salary cannot be increased as proposed by you.

I am, very truly,
your friend.

James Ross Snowden
Director

Jno. W. Eckman Esq.
U.S. Mint.

U.S. Mint, August 18th 1833

My dear Sir,

Since presenting to you my communication of the 19th Inst. circumstances have arisen affecting my position in the Mint, which justify me in withdrawing the proposition then made and not yet acted upon, leaving it open for me either to tender my resignation, or to make or receive such propositions as the occasion may require.

I desire to be distinctly understood, that I shall either look for a suitable remuneration to be made to me for my services, or, at an early day, relinquish my situation at the Mint.

Very respectfully & faithfully
Yours

Geo. N. Eckert

Hon
Col. James Ross Snowden
Director
U.S. Mint

Mint of the United States.
Philada. Nov. 26. 1833.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 21st inst. in relation to your duties and compensation as a Clerk in the Mint.

On mature reflection I am unfavorable to increasing your salary in accordance with your first proposition. I would be willing to ask the Secretary of the Treasury to permit me to allow an extra compensation of $100 per quarter in case you keep the Bullion Journal and Ledger or prepare the abstracts of the accounts for settlement at Washington.

I intend to ask the next Congress to increase the maximum allowance to Clerks. Should this step, I will increase your compensation, for I am perfectly well satisfied with the value of your services and am desirous that you should continue in the service of the Mint.

I hope that the proposition as to extra compensation will be satisfactory. If it is, I will immediately [illegible]

Appreciation I would be glad if you will
insert the order of Congress in regard to
the proposed change in the Salary of the
Clerks in the Mint

With great respect,
Yours, Sincerely,
Your Truly friends,

James Pollock
Director

Geo. W. Edelman Esq
U. S. Mint,

The McLean Co Bank
Bloomington, Ills. July 31. 1853

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director, U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

On the 6th ult. I sent you, by Express, Silver coin $331.14 asking returns for same, in U.S. silver coin of the new emission. For this I have, as yet, received neither certificate, nor acknowledgement. Will you please advise me, whether you have received the coin, and when you can send me the new coin in exchange?

Yours Respectfully
Thurston Ridgely

July 14 1241 Wt. 283.50 $343.03 A.

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Office of the Tacony Chemical Works,

No. 58 SOUTH FRONT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia Augt 30th 1853

Dr Sir

We have commenced with the 60 half Barrels of Sulph. acid ordered by you & hope to have the whole ready for shipment within three weeks by putting two of our plumbers at work – If it should be inconvenient to the Railroad to increase the order we should like early notice in order that

there Ought not be any retention
on our part

Very Respectfully
Nicolas Longworth

Col. J. R. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Philada. Aug. 30. 1853.

Sir,

I have your favors of the 27th 28th and 29th inst in reference to making medals at the Mint for Messrs Adams & Co for exhibition at the World's Fair at New York, and for the Massachusetts Mechanic Association.

It is proper that I should call your attention to the fact that the making of Medals in the Mint has heretofore occasioned unpleasant remarks. It has been objected to, because the materials and machinery of the government have been used for private purposes and made a source of profit to some of the persons employed in the Coining department. I have myself very great doubts whether it is legal or proper to make medals except such as may be ordered by the government. If they are made for other purposes I am of opinion that no charge should

be made except for the intrinsic value of the metals used. Heretofore considerable profits have been made by the persons who have executed the medals. It seems doubtful also whether the Government ought to interfere with private enterprise by manufacturing free of charge or otherwise any work of a private character.

I may further remark that in order to meet the public demands for Gold and Silver Coin I am running the Coining department twenty hours a day, and it would be inconvenient at this time to make these medals. If however it is your wish, after considering the objections I have presented, that they should be made I will make every possible effort to comply with your request.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obedient servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director

Treasury Department
August 20. 1863.

Sir

Referring to my letter of the 27th ult. in relation to the application of Messrs Adams & Co to have certain Public Lots excused from dues in the possession of the Miss. I have to add that the authority given was meant to be confined to those lots being the property of the U States and that it was not, of course, intended that any private rights should be interfered with.

I am very Respt.
Your ob. Servt
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. Pope Simonton Esq
Collr of the Port.
Phila.

Treasury Department
August 27 1853

Sir

I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to inform you that he has determined to exhibit in the Crystal Palace at New York, about fifty thousand dollars value of pure California Gold in ingots of about 15000 $ each. It will add very much to the interest of the exhibition, if a portion of the gold be cast into medals of which the dies are in the Mint, and have expressed their willingness to defray the expense of making the medals.

The object of this is to request to give your authority to comply with this object on the conditions proposed, if the business of the Mint will not thereby be impeded.

Secretary Office

James Buchanan
Secy of the Treasy

Treasury Department
August 18 1853

Sir

Alonzo Brewster, Esq Treasurer of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association, has made application to this Department, on behalf of that Institution for permission to have struck at the Mint and from dies now there, certain Medals of Gold Silver and bronze, for the Seventh Exhibition of the products of American Industry, to be holden, by the Association, in the ensuing month.

If a compliance with this request will not interfere with the necessary operations of the Mint and the Association will defray any additional expense it may involve, You are hereby authorized to cause the said work to be done

Jas Guthrie Secty

Rec'd 4th Oct Leonard

James Buchanan
Secretary of the Treas.

A. R. Snowden Esqr
Director of the
Mint
Phila

Mint of the United States,
Philada May 27, 1853.

Sir,

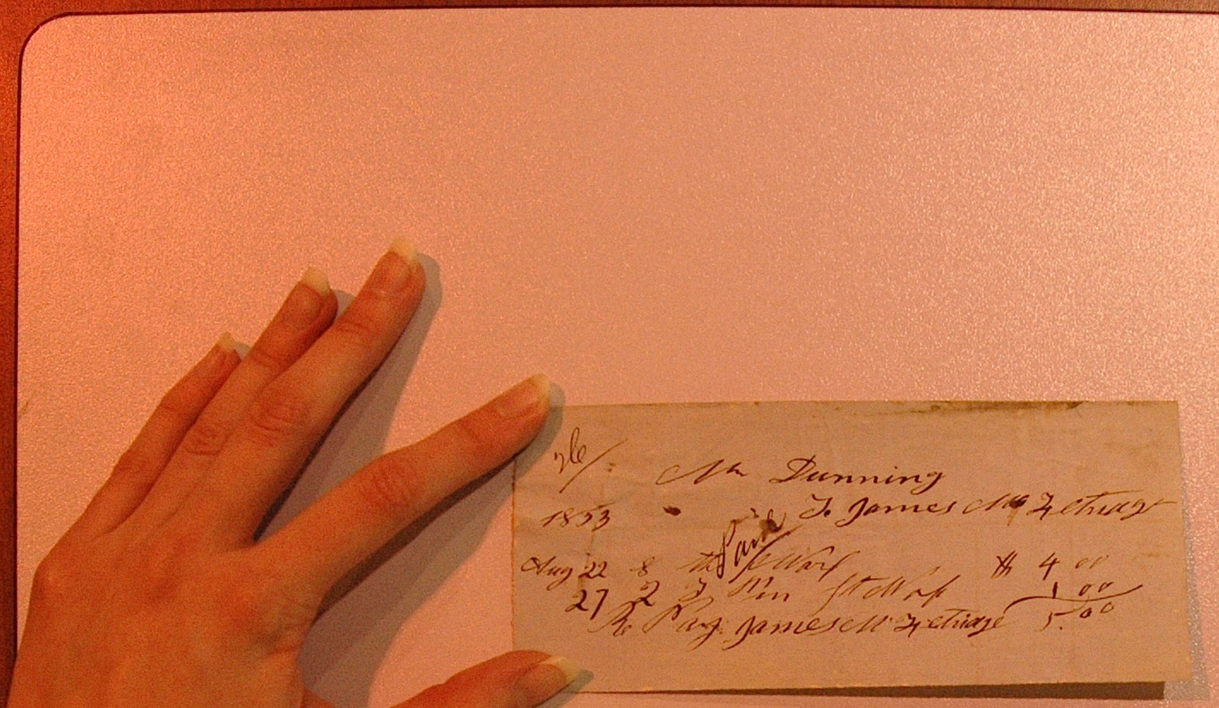
The business in the Treasurer's office requires the employment of an additional clerk. For some time past there has been a delay of several months in the preparation of the quarterly accounts of the transactions of the Mint. And since the resignation of Mr Robert Downing no one is employed upon that entry, the time of the clerks being taken up with the current business of the office. In fact in view of the increase of business arising from the large transactions in silver and in gold it may become necessary to ask a further increase of clerks in order that the business of the Mint may be disposed of with proper despatch. I think it probable however that an additional clerk to our present force may be required. I have to request that you will please to lay [illegible]

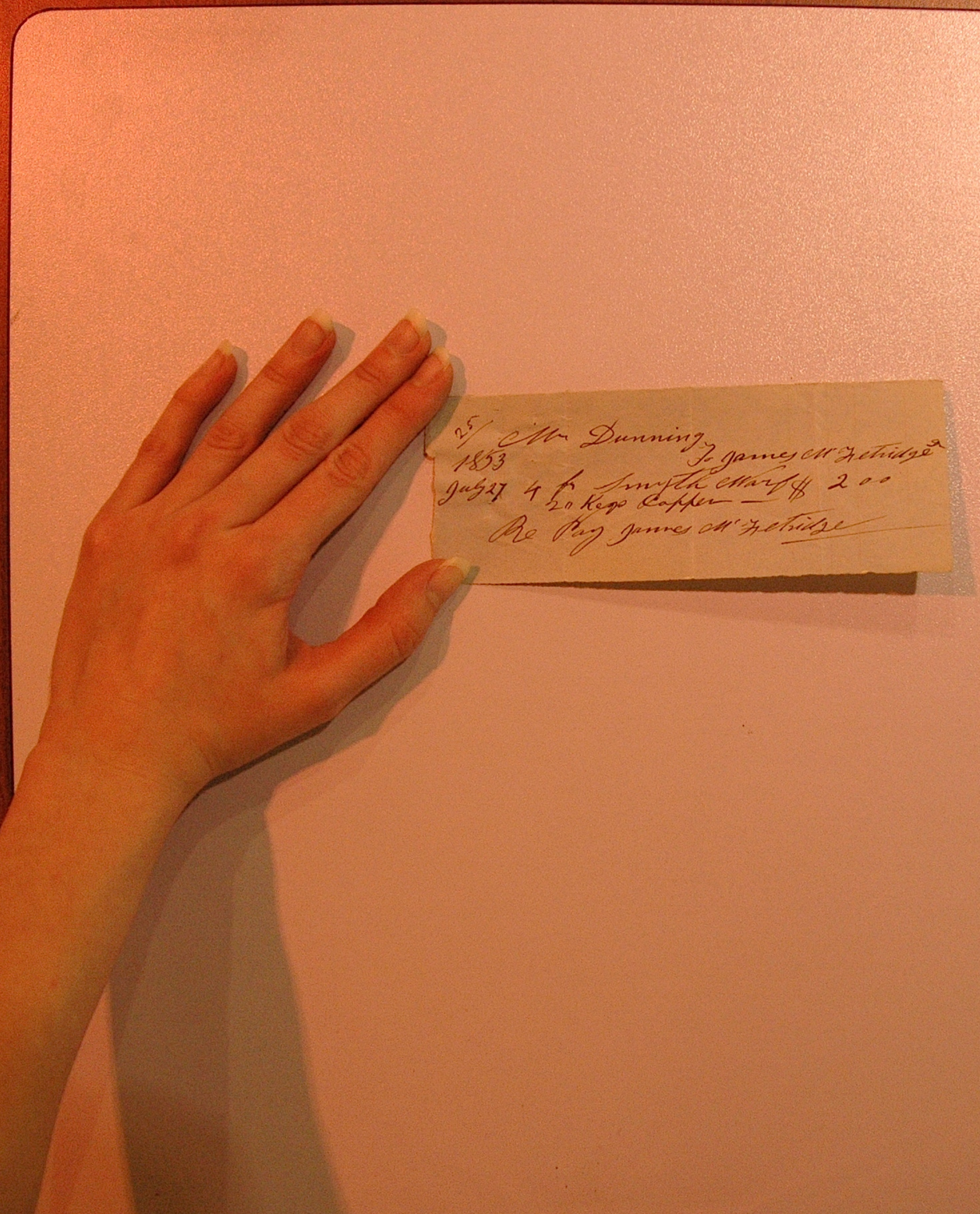
of an additional Clerk for the Treasurer's Office.

I beg to call your attention to my letter of the 12th inst in relation to the power of appointing Clerks.

I have the honor to be,
with great, your obt Servt
James Rob Crowden
Dedicated.

Hon. Lemuel Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury

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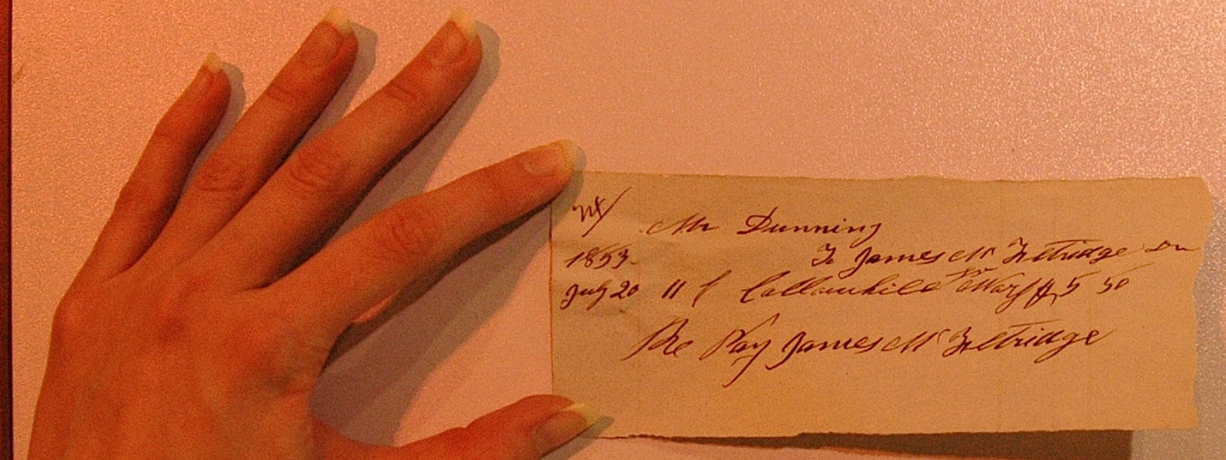
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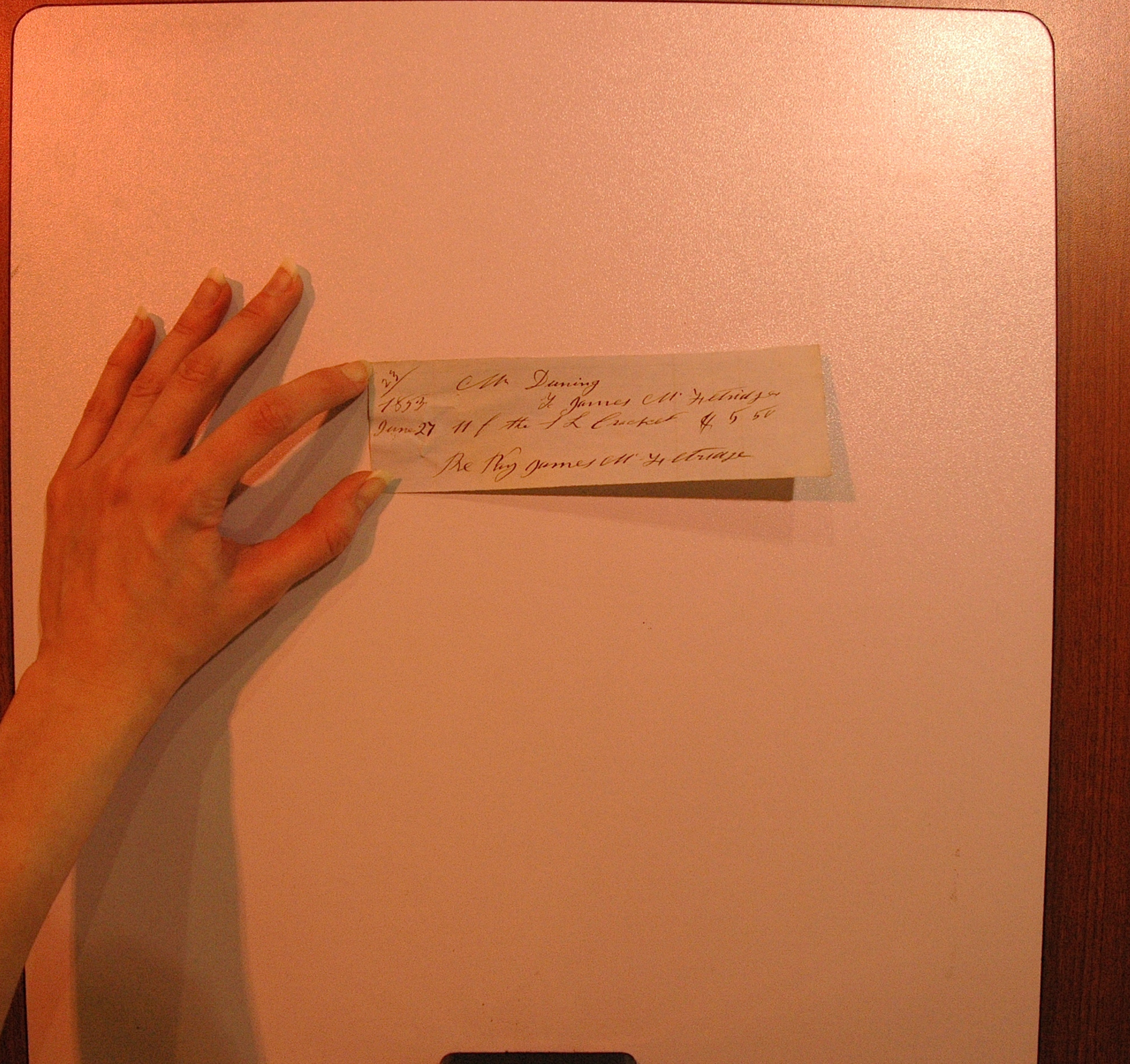

20/ Mr. Dunning
1853 To Jamesell Tribbey

June 7 10/ Callowhill Street 85 00

Be Pay Jamesell Tribbey

New York Aug 1st 18

Dear Sir

Yours of the 15th ult. was duly received, and we have forwarded a sample of our Mr. J. (the writer) in the case of delay in replying are that we wished to thank you for the communication respecting Bar 746.

In compliance with your wishes, you will find annexed a true copy of an Account Sales of bars sent to the consignment of one of the most respectable houses in London and which shows the exchange in bars to be equal to 110.33

The assays are not given, in commercial transactions, merely the proceeds as you observe, but from a calculation drawn from these, it proves that the bars sent corresponded in weight exactly, that their fineness here was 990.89 and in London 990.14 being a difference of $\frac{75}{100}$ Millièmes, a slight deviation that arises from their old manner of assaying, in better and worse.

The reverse of this, and singular enough, seems the case with a parcel of bars to the amount of $100,000, that went to Paris, of them, those that were here 990.50 and 991 in fineness

proved these 991 and 992 and in such a manner, that by taking the average of the whole parcel, they turned out exactly 77 fine Millesm better (in fineness) than your Assays mentioned precisely in the centre of the two Assays mentioned.

Trusting that this has been explained sufficiently clear and that it proves interesting to you, I close with a renewal of the offer of our services and remain

Dear Sir, Your Obedient Servants,

P. Berends & Co

Bars fine gold

to London ..... from New York.

11 bars weighing Ozs 1631.96 ... amounting to ... $ 33428.47

after melting Ozs 1631.125 Exp 1/4% ... 41.79

per stand.d Ozs 1761.654 = 77/9 £6345.8/6 $ 333 86.68

shipings ... 16.—

£6349.4.6 box 50

cartage 1.—

freight 1/4% ... 1.50

83.46

cost $ 33471.64

Charges:

insurance 1/4% 83 £172.5 -17.1

carriage of Liverpool ... -19.1

assays ... 2.1.

pentherage ... 1.6

melting ... 1.14.— 22.15/1.

proceeds £6826.9.5 à 110 53/64 ... 33473.98

New York August 26. 1853

James R Snowden Esqr
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We refer to our last respects of 18 inst and having there stated, that an Apy received here, for $100,000 - gold bars that went to Paris, proved that the apay there came out 75 millesms better, than here; we are now bound to report, that the party who had received the above mentioned Apy. has since (by the last Steamer) learned, that the then apay, was made unofficial and that by a reapay from the official Apayer, it proved just 75 millesms worse, than the first and claiming the exact difference from the owner of the bars — So that your apay, is fully corroborated by the Paris apay. and both conform exactly.

With true regard
Dear Sir
We sign respectfy. yours
J. Brevoort

Treasury Department
Aug. 28th 1853

Sir

In a letter addressed to the Department by the Cashier of the Farmers & Planters Bank in Baltimore, he states that "the scarcity of this coin" "($2½ & 1 dollar gold pieces) here is very great at present, "and many of the Banks are entirely out of them and "have to borrow from others, so that the public suffers "great inconvenience, especially now that silver "change is so scarce".

The object of this communication is to enquire whether the mint can do any thing for the relief of the Baltimore Banks, and to ascertain whether you can conveniently pay a transfer draft for $10. or $20.000 in small gold pieces including some silver, and if so, in what proportion.—

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint of the United States
Philada 27th Aug. 1853

Sir,

I am surprised to learn, from your letter of yesterday, that complaints are made of an insufficient supply of small gold in Baltimore. I can only say, that the cause has not been with the Mint. A large surplus of small gold is generally kept on hands, which is payable to any depositors who choose to ask for it; but, in consequence of their almost uniformly demanding the larger coin the smaller pieces become almost useless to us, and lately, in consequence of the general pressure upon the Mint, the ~~reserve~~ of small gold has been reduced to a ~~small~~ trifling amount. In fact, the supply of gold dollars is exhausted. Quarter eagles can be furnished if demanded. I would suggest, however, that in place of a transfer draft, as proposed by you, it would be more convenient if the Baltimore Banks would request their depositors or correspondents who have Mint Receipts to demand payment for them in small gold, instead of large coin. By this plan they will accommodate themselves in the ordinary routine of their business without putting you to inconvenience.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect, y^r ob^t serv^t
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. Jno. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treas'y
Washington.

Treasury of the US.
23d Augt. 1832.

Sir,

I enclose you two Transfer drafts
No 263 in favor of Depositary Buffalo NY for $2610 to cover
a remittance made by you in Bkg coin with said Depositary
on which you will please obtain the necessary endorsement, and
return it to this office charging the same in your account with
this Office
Also draft No 264 in favor of Treasurer of the US for $2500 on
you to cover a Similar deposit made here the 9th inst. This draft
I have endorsed please charge & return the same with your next
acct to this Office

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Svt
Wm B Randolph
Acting Treasr. US.

E 6 Dale Cy
Treasr. US. Mint
Philad.

Rec'd 26 aug.

Boston Aug 24th 1853

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 17th inst was duly received. The Silver referred to was a small lot ($120.) sent as an experiment to ascertain the best way to dispose of a large quantity, expecting an immediate return. It was sent through Messrs Dr. P. Ives & Co. of Boston per Adams & Co's Express the 17th day of May last, and may have been entered on your books in their name. The cause of our writing to you was that we had some reason to suppose Messrs Adams & Co. might have delivered it before this time were they disposed to do so, but we are now satisfied that we were misinformed in regard to it, and of course do not wish to have it sent out of the regular course.

We remain
Your Respts
A. G. Pitcomb & Co.

Dan'l Sturgis Esqr.
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Recd 17 Aug
And Ans

Boston Aug 15th 1853

Sir,

About three months since a small package of Silver was sent to the mint by Adams & Co's Express to be received, and the amount to be returned in coin of the next issue. Messrs Adams & Co. state that it may be three months more before it will be returned. Not supposing there can be any good reason for such delay, and seeing by a newspaper Article that several million of dollars were coined in the month of July in Silver, I should feel obliged if you will advise at what time we ought to expect a return.

Yours Respty
P. S. Pittsmb Esq.

Taunton Augst 23. 1853.

Dan'l Strobel Esq

Treas. U.S. Mint.

Sir.

You will oblige us by sending by Steam Propeller line to Boston, $500 or $1000. in cents. If you can spare them - We prefer the largest amounts -

Your Very Respectfully

Oliver Bro. & Co

Shipp'd 10 Kegs Aug 27/53 per Steam "Citizen"
See Cattle Book p 429

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 28 July 1853

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of yesterday, stating your desire to transfer $300,000 to Washington from the Mint in certain proportions of coin named. In reply I have to state that we can meet your requisition in every particular except in regard to gold dollars, of which, at present, only $19,000 can be furnished. I suggest that the deficiency in that account be added to the amount of half eagles, so that the proportions to be furnished shall be as follows:

$125,000	in	Double Eagles
50,000		Eagles
55,000		Half Eagles
10,000		Dollars
15,000		Half dollars
25,000		quarter dollars
5,000		Dimes
5,000		Half dimes
$300,000		

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your obt Servt
James Ross Snowden

Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie
Sec. of Treasury,
Washington.

(Conf)

I may add that, if you see no objection, it would be more convenient that your draft should be on the Assistant Treasurer, instead of on the Mint. In that case the necessary exchange could be made with the Mint, for the coins to be remitted, while our Sub-Treas. fund for the payment of deposits would remain untouched.

Yours

S. P. C.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 29 Aug 1853

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 21st inst. in which you approve of certain suggestions as to purchases for the California Mint, as proposed in my communication of the 18th August to find a discrepancy. However, in your subsequent detailed instructions as to contracts, and my own suggestions as approved by you, and to obviate all uncertainty, I address you again on the subject.

I respectfully suggest, then, that I may be authorised to order and purchase, for the California Mint, the articles included in the schedule herein enclosed, being such as will be necessary for the working of that Mint in its coining, assaying, and melting of gold; and inasmuch as these articles are more properly a charge upon an appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Mint than one for its creation and fitting up, I propose, as far as is possible, to arrange with the parties furnishing such articles, to await their payments until Congress shall provide therefor in a deficiency or other appropriation Bill for the current expenses of the California Mint.

With regard to the apparatus and materials for refining or separating, and I suggest that, when the most feasible plan for refining shall finally be determined on, I shall be empowered to contract, subject to your approval, for the machinery, apparatus and the fitting up of the same in California; and also for such machinery as may be necessary for a

small silver carriage. The payment for this apparatus and machinery should be made from the appropriation for the establishment of the Mint, conformably to the express requirement of the law. The materials for subsequent working operations in refining (including gold) and for silver carriage I will also, give orders for, payable out of the future appropriation for the current support of the Branch Mint.

I think it would be expedient, if you see no objection, that Warburton should, if he will contract on reasonable terms, be employed to fit up & procure the necessary apparatus for refining. Permit me also to suggest that, if the sulphuric acid process is adopted, inasmuch as it is highly important that the preparation of the plans and details should be devolved on some one possessd of the requisite information and discretion, I should be authorised to employ and reasonably compensate some fit person for that object. If a Melter & Refiner for Cal: were appointed, he might, as a part of his official duty, attend to the matter; otherwise, I should wish authority to devolve it upon some other, perhaps the Melter & Refiner of the Mint if he can find time to attend to it.

It will not be possible, I think, to forward any coin by the Revenue Cutters as you propose; but the other articles may conveniently be sent by them. I will thank you to furnish me with such authority and directions as will enable me make use of those vessels for the purpose.

I have the honor to be, &c &c

Hon James Guthrie
Sec'y Treas'y U.S. Washington

James Ross Snowden.
Director.

Materials for Coiner's Department.
Coin £1000 000

Coal 200 Tons @ 38	£380.
Fire bricks 50 Tons for annealing	400
Fire do 10 do	60
Copper annealing Cases, 36, assorted sizes	400
Sperm Oil, 100 Gallons	150.
Lard, 250 lbs.	35
Tallow 250 lbs.	25
Rosin 150 lbs.	45
Woollen Cloth 500 lbs.	40.
Rags 600 lbs.	60.
Sulphuric Acid for cleaning. 3 Carboys	15
Fine linen mills 16 Sets	75
Buckskin do 4 do	36
Brushes 3 do	30.
Plumbago 4 Barrels.	2.
Alcohol 10 gallons	7
Steam packing & assortment for engines &c.	50.
Packing yarn and lamp wicks	3
Brass Plates for different sizes of coins	2
Cork for Annealers	2
Files for rolling and adjusting coining & Machine Shop	25.
Emery paper	10.
Assorted Cast Steel	100.
Iron and Steel for repairs	200.
Coin £1000 000	£1825.

Brought over. $3025.

Steels, taps and dies. 200.

Carbon and Charcoal for hardening and annealing 7

Iron trucks for moving bullion 50

Bags for coin 300,

Tools for blanks &c.

Scruffs and Steels for cleaning coin. 4.

Oil cans and cups for machinery 25.

Blank Books and Stationery for Coiner 15

Total for Coinage. $3401.00

Materials for Assay Department.
6 mos for $100 per an.

Pure Nitric Acid 1000 lbs @ 9¢. 90

Muriatic acid 50 lbs @ 4¢. 2

Cupels 700 @ $10. 84

Lead for cupellation. 5

Charcoal 600 bushels @ 06¢ 36

Total for assay. $277.

Materials for Melting—

Gold for 1 million pieces of each kind, (as experiments show 64 pieces) $300.

Scoops, Ladles and Moulds. 200.

Plumbago pots for Furnace (400 @ $2. 800

Total for melting $1300.

3270
4.40
642.60
3937.40

131.747.84
214.514.39
346.262.23
4709.44
343.552.79

3937.40
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422.95
4709.44

220
6000
2835
1122.50
27.00
430.02
176.00
65.25
43.70
25.90
1.89
11.48
87
10.959.49

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Nov 23

Bank of Vergennes, Vermont

Vergennes, Aug 22 1853.

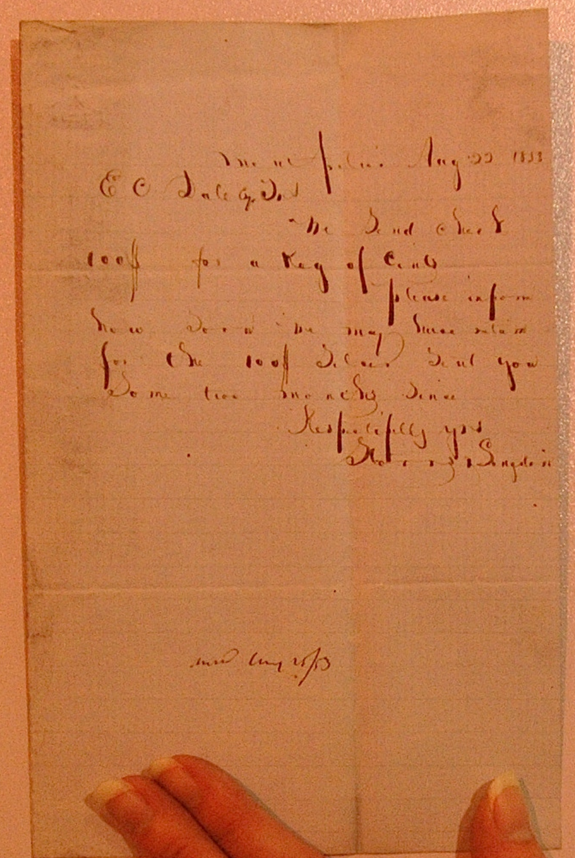
Treasurer of Mint of
the United States.

Sir.

I enclose receipt
for Dol. 28 Os Gold Bullion for J. Battell Jr.
for which please send me a draft on
New York or Gold Coin by express.
Should prefer the draft if you can
give it. Send bill of assay
Very respectfully

L. B. Atwell,
Cash.

Recpt Returned to Adams & Co
Augt 25/53 to letter Book



Treasury Department
August 22 1833

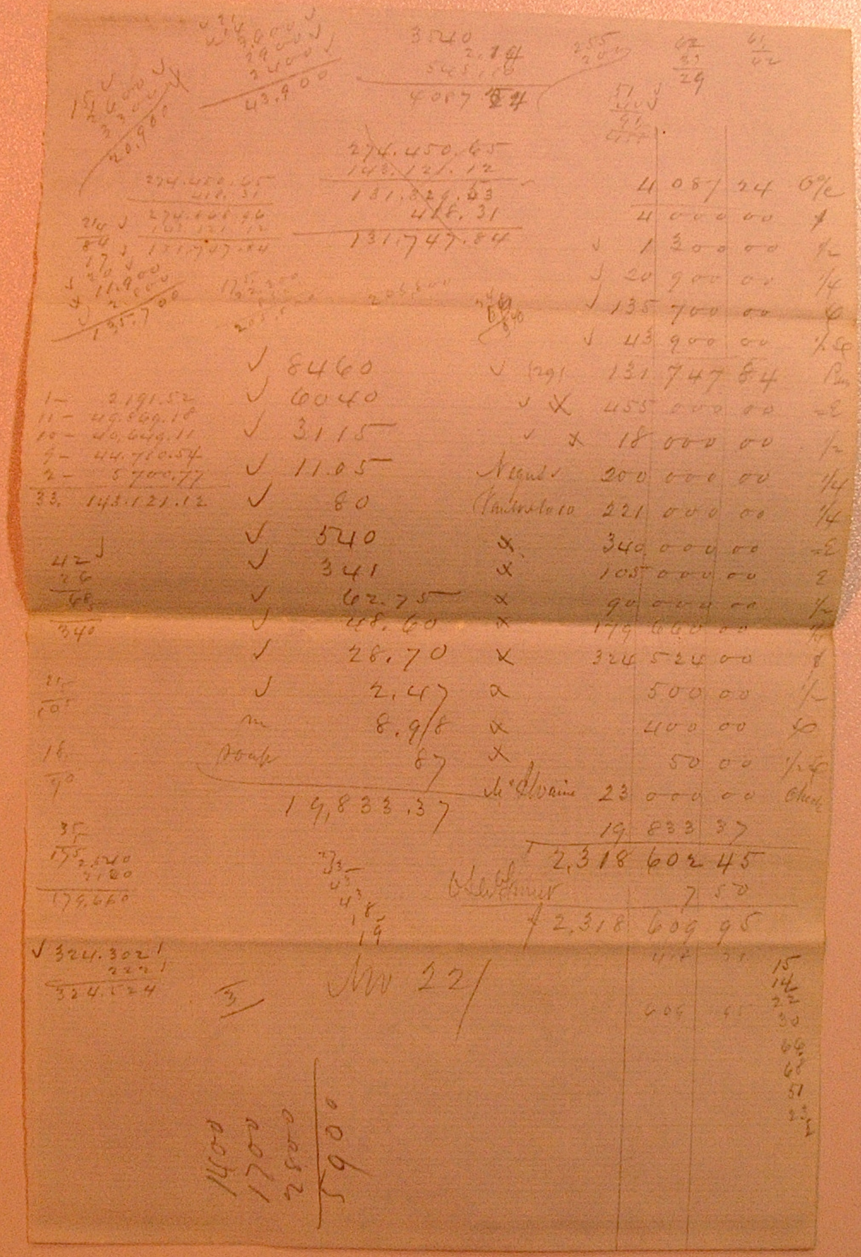
Sir

Being desirous of transferring from Philadelphia $ 500,000 to the Treasury at this place, I enclose a list of the denominations of coin in which it will be convenient to receive it; and will thank you to inform me by return of mail, on what day you will be prepared to furnish them.

Sanbury Dep[t]
Treas[r] Smith
Cash[r] of the Treas[y]

J. R. Snowden Esq[r]
Director of the
Mint Phila[a]

125.000	Double Eagles	125,
50.000	Eagles	50,
50.000	½ ditto	60,
25.000	¼ dollars	20,
25.000	Dollars	15
15.000	½ ditto	5
5.000	Dimes	5
5.000	½ ditto	
£300.000		



New York August 20th 1853

Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Enclosed is a draft on ~~Messrs~~ Russell & Co of your city for One hundred dollars for which you will please forward a keg of copper coin to Strunz Gaines & Co of Mansfield Ohio

Can you furnish us with Change at this time 3% 5% 10% 25% & 50% to a small amount say two or three hundred dollars and if so at what rate

Please answer direct to the case of Messrs Lord Warren & Co No 46 Broad st N.Y. and oblige

Respectfully
Yours &c
D & L Gaines

Mint Philada Aug 22/53

Mint of the U. S. Philad.a Aug. 19. 1853

Dear Sir

Appreciating your kindness in expressing a desire to receive from me a communication of my views relative to certain official changes affecting my duties as required by Law: I avail myself of the privilege at the earliest time I have found sufficiently at command for the purpose. In doing so I think it proper to extract from a letter to Dr. Eckert bearing on the same points; which although favourably regarded by him, led to no definite action at the time.

It is now nearly a year ago that circumstances induced me to request the attention of Dr. E. to the subject: it was not, however, until the close of the year, after my official report of the working dies for the year was handed in, that he returned to it, requesting the communication to which I have adverted; which was in substance, as follows.

"Mint of the U. S. Philad.a Feb. 5th 1853

"Dear Sir"

From the time I have been an officer of the Mint; of the Law designating my duties as Engraver, has been duly carried out, I have never been able to understand or construe it correctly. By that Law it is provided, that "It shall be the duty of the Engraver to prepare and engrave all the dies used in the coinage of the Mint &c." but during the time to which I refer, the preparation of the dies has to a large extent, if not exclusively, been entrusted to the supervision of another officer; over whose action or that of the persons in his employ, or the machinery necessary to the requisite operations, I have never been authorised to exercise any legitimate control: consequently, while my duties as defined by Law, place upon me a definite responsibility, I am virtually debarred by the existing regulations, from any authoritative control over the operations which it necessarily involves.

"But this is not the point under present regulations, which I have regarded as most seriously affecting in a professional view, my official character and reputation. The working dies are actually finished and worked, independently of any supervision by the engraver: I design no charge, even by implication, against the fidelity of the workmen employed; they are skilful mechanics, but not artists; and yet the character of the die is often materially affected by the manipulations it receives from their hands: and thousands of pieces are struck, that from defects which

they (the workmen) are not prepared or qualified to appreciate, are nevertheless seriously objectionable to the eye of the Engraver; who is necessarily ignorant of the issue, until he meets the coin in circulation.

In the regulations of the British Mint, no die can be worked without the approval of the chief Engraver: I mention this merely as evidence, that the point I have raised, is elsewhere considered of sufficient importance, to call for authoritative legislative provision in protecting the proper artistic character of the coinage.

The importance of this matter, may not, I am aware, be so apparent to others, as it is to me; but if I had ever been disposed to regard it more lightly than at present, recent occurrences would have changed my views. On several occasions, lately, I have been appealed to, as a witness on the part of the government, to prove the spurious character of certain imitations of the gold coinage, and the dangerous character of these imitations has impressed me very strongly with the high responsibility resting upon the officers having charge of this branch of the public service, for the most strict attention in the manufacture of the Legal coinage, so as to secure by every available means the most perfect identity of the pieces, in the character they may present to the public eye: And the room which there appears for improvement in the present regulations, if my views are correct, is sufficient to furnish a subject for animadversion abroad, if the facts to which I have adverted were generally known.

I am aware that the changes which might be required to obviate the deficiency of present arrangements, would probably involve a different organization of my office, an increase of labour, and additional expenditure; but the increased security of the public, as well as the improved character of the coinage, appear to me sufficient considerations to justify all that may be demanded by the revised economy which is indicated in the remarks I have here the honour to submit

J. N. Eckert Esq.
Director

Very Respectfy &c
James B. Longacre
Engraver

Mr. Eckert replied to this communication in the following terms ——

Mint of the United States
Philad.a 22 Feb. 1858

Sir

I have received and duly considered your letter of the 5th inst. containing suggestions for amendment in the present regulations & custom of the Mint relative to the working of dies.

My opinion entirely coincides with your own, that under present laws, the preparation of the dies in all their stages of manufacture, should be under the supervision or control of the Engraver of the Mint; and that he is entitled to receive such aid in workmen or from machinery, as will enable him to perform his duties in that respect.

I am not able to see, however, that (to use your words) "the changes which might be required to obviate the deficiency of present arrangements, would probably involve a different organization of your office, and increase of labour and additional expenditure". It appears to me that it will be sufficient to give a general instruction that such workmen as you may designate, now employed in the Mint, shall be under your orders at such times as may be necessary to aid you in the preparation. The services of Mr. Eckfeldt and the others who have already had experience in the manufacture, would I suppose be far more efficient and agreeable to you than any which might be rendered by inexperienced employés. And I have the best reason to know that the Chief coiner will cheerfully accord to any changes, and new directions which I may adopt to carry into effect your general views.

Inasmuch, however, as your letter did not enter into any details of such a reorganization of your Department as you deemed expedient, you will oblige me by furnishing such at your convenience.

I may add, that when such details are finally perfected as will devolve on you the exclusive control of the dies, I shall introduce as to your department, the system already in operation among the other officers; and shall by warrant charge you with the delivery to the coiner from time to time of such dies as may be necessary in his practical operations.

Very Respectfy Yours &c
J. N. Eckert
Director

Jas B. Longacre
Engraver

The views thus expressed by Dr. Eckert, were upon the whole, satisfactory to me and led me to anticipate such an arrangement as would have practically met my suggestions. As I had but little doubt, that after a fuller investigation on his part, and more ample explanation on mine, there would have resulted a sufficiently perfect accordance to have effected the object: but its prosecution was interrupted by the pressure brought upon us all by the rather sudden legislation of Congress in relation to the silver coinage; which left no time for anything not felt to be immediately necessary for its accomplishment. In addition to this Dr. E. as I thought, manifested a reluctance to start any project with so important a bearing on future operations, under the circumstances in which he was then placed as to the period of his continuance in the directorship.

The impaired health, and necessary absence from the Mint of Dr. Eckert's immediate successor, (Judge Pettit) were sufficient considerations with me for not pressing the matter on his attention.

My object in occupying so much of your attention with a previous correspondence, is mainly to shew that while my views have not been suddenly or hastily formed; their correctness has been admitted by my superior officer in the only instance in which I have deemed it expedient to present them directly. Nor do I think it necessary at this time to advert to the reasons which prevented me from presenting the subject for consideration at an earlier period. Regarding the matter as sufficiently unfolded in my letter to Dr. Eckert, all that I deem it important to add, is, that I shall be happy to confer with you more freely, whenever the exigencies of the public business at other points, claiming your attention, will allow you the most leisure to make such conference agreeable.

With my sincere respect
Your ob't. Serv't.
James B. Longacre
Engraver

Col. J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

P.S. I might perhaps to have remarked, that during the directorship of Dr. Patterson I was requested to keep a register of the working dies delivered from my office to that of the chief coroner: which I did. My first annual report of these deliveries, however, was made at my own instance, under an impression of its obvious propriety, to Dr. Eckert; in making this report, I had to notice a difficulty arising out of the existing arrangements — from the fact: that certain of the working dies were used without passing through my hands; consequently they did not appear upon my register; and in order to supply this deficiency, I had to depend upon a statement received at the close of the year from the chief coroners department; which I had no other means of verifying, than by the confidence reposed in the accuracy of his workmen. It was probably a reference to this, in the report referred to; that recalled the attention of Dr. E. to my first communication, resulting in the correspondence I have introduced —

J. B. L.

Col. Snowden

Mint of the United States.
Philada. Aug. 26. 1837

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. I have to state that I fully agree with you in regard to the duty of the Engraver to prepare and engrave all the dies used in the Mint. If you think a general instruction to the workmen employed in preparing the working dies for the Coining Presses, that they are to be considered as acting under your orders and instructions is sufficient to meet your views and carry out the requirements of the Law, I will thank you to prepare me with a plan of organization of your Department to accomplish the object in view.

I am, with great regard,
Your friend & Obt. Servt.

T. B. Longacre Esqr
Engraver &c &c

Samuel Root Snowden.
Director

Taunton Augt. 19. 1833.

Dan.l Sturgeon Esq.

Treas.

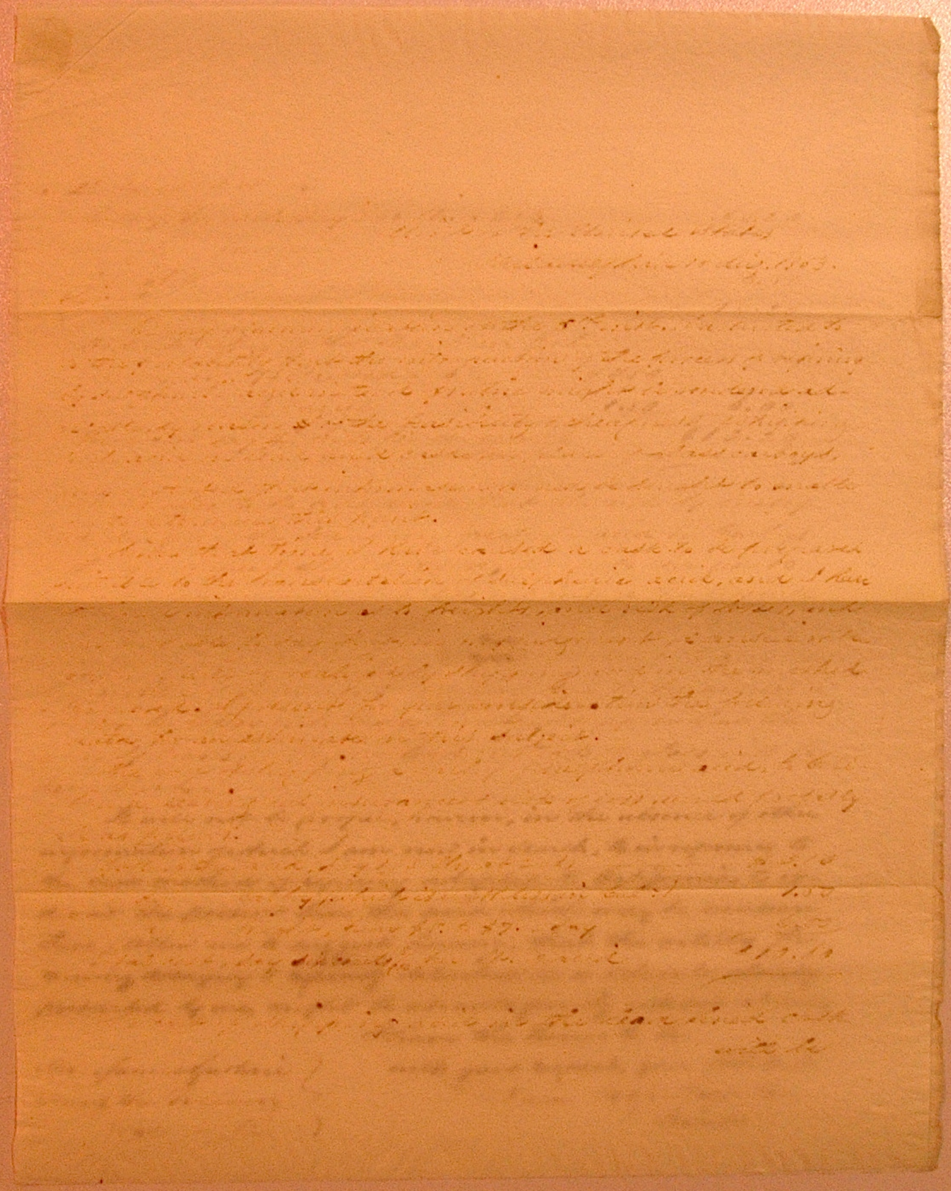
Dear Sir.

We duly received
your esteemed favor of the 16th inst.
with statement of the settlement of accounts
up to June 20th. - & enclosing Check on
New York, for $2.493 72, being the
balance due on the same -

Yours.

Very Respectfully

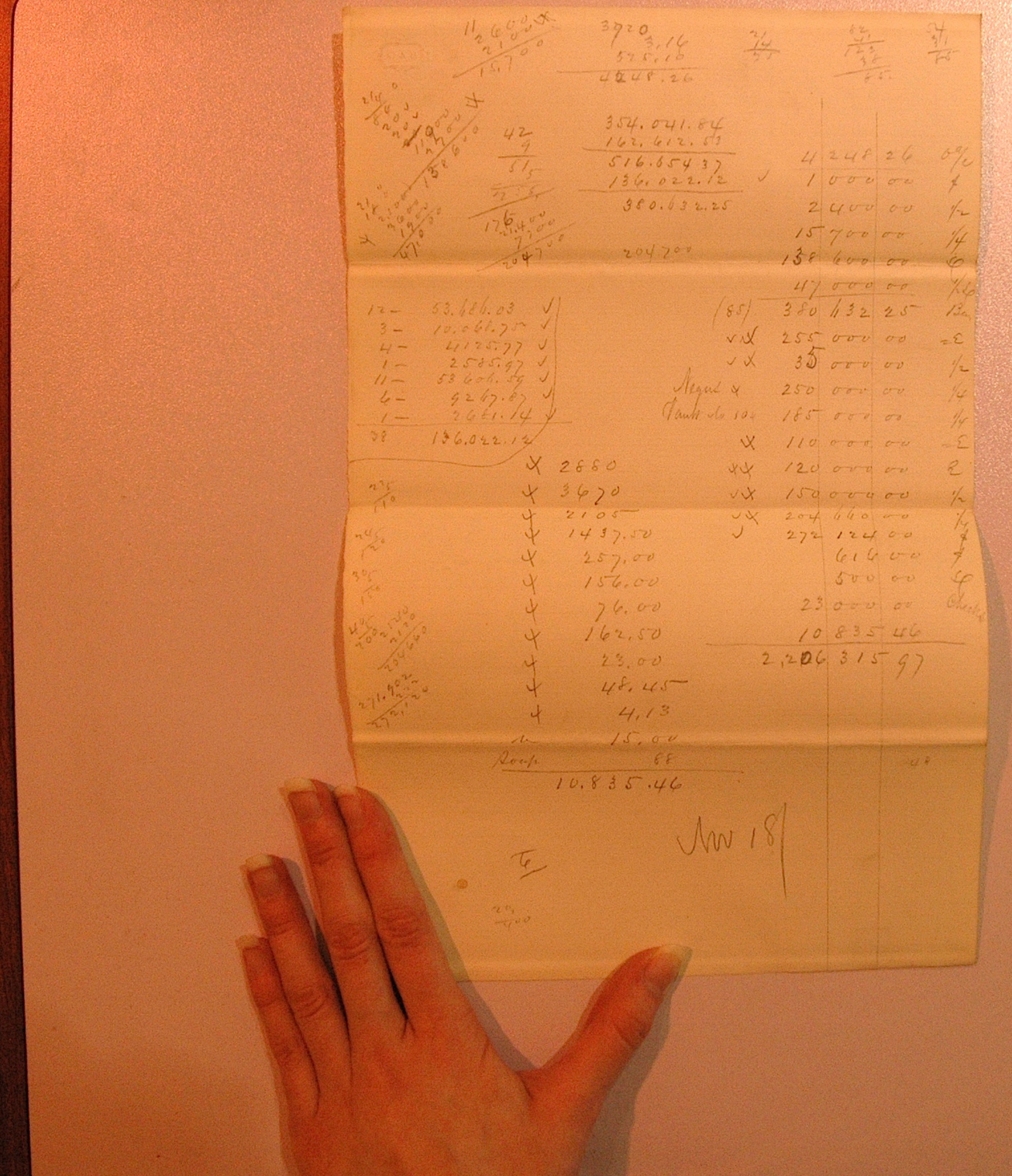
Crocker Bros. & Co.



It will not be proper, however, in the absence of other
information upon which I am now in search, to in response to
the last method of refining adopted to California to or-
der at the present time the acid which may be necessary
there. Allow me to suggest, however, that the articles for
assaying / refining detailed in a schedule already
presented by me, might be advantageously ordered at once,

I have the honor to be
with great respect, your Obt. Svt.
Jas. R. Snowden
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington



Mint of the United States
Phila. Aug. 19. 1833.

Sir,

Some weeks ago I called the attention of Dr Thompson, Treasurer of the Mint, to the necessity of his son giving bond for the faithful discharge of his duty. Yesterday, the enclosed bond was handed to me and the surety being present & duly sworn, I now transmit it to you for your sanction.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obt. Servt.
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Confidential.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Aug. 17. 1853.

My dear Sir;

In reply to your confidential letter of the 15th inst I have the honor to state, that Dr. Sturgeon Chief of the Mint boards at a private house near the Mint. His son is not married, he boards at the Merchants Hotel in this city. I infer from your letter that you suppose the young man in employed in the office of the Assistant Treasurer. This is not so. He is employed as a clerk in the Mint. I enclose a memorandum prepared by him for a depositor. It was handed to me a few minutes ago.

Yours, faithfully
and truly yours.
James Ross Snowden.

Hon. James Guthrie
Washington City.

Mapleton Stark Co Ohio Aug 17th 1853

Hon I Rosp Snowden

England is a
dft for One Hundred dollars, for which
you will please hand the goods
to forward me at this place Per Rep.
Express
Having much oblige
Yours very Respectfully
I. Hughes

Mint of the United States

Phila.a 17 Aug. 1853.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter & telegraph of yesterday, by which you authorise the Assistant Treasurer, here, to receive, from the Mint, Bars in exchange for coin to meet a temporary deficiency of means for the payment of ~~means~~ deposits. Previously to my letter of the 10th inst, addressed to the Department at Washington which I supposed would be necessary to meet the demands upon the Mint in consequence of the last arrivals from California, it is proper that I should now explain what were the circumstances which demanded another call upon your indulgence. These circumstances were briefly these: First, unexpected deposits of silver were received, amounting to over $400,000 and payable in gold. Second, the coinage which I had hoped would furnish available funds for payments, has ~~not~~ only in part been forthcoming. Lastly, the gold deposits payable exceeded the sums of 3 millions which I had assumed as the basis of my estimate of means required. This combination of circumstances reduced our stock of coin to a sum quite inadequate to the payments ~~my~~ necessary for to day, but your permission to exchange our bars has relieved us of all difficulty.

The uncertainty in which we are placed, from the impossibility of anticipating how much of an expected arrival of gold may be demanded in bars and how much in coin is a constant source of annoyance. Until the last arrival the Treasury was generally deficient in its supply of bars, the proportions deposited being generally for that mode of payment. But on the last arrival the course of things had entirely changed.

Nothing was demanded but coin, and no bars proved entirely
profitless, and what aggravated the difficulty those which had
already been issued was, without warning, returned upon us for
coin. I cannot suppose that this discrimination for bars will
be permanent, or that their return upon our hands will be
continued. If so, I should deem it my duty to cause them
to be manufactured forthwith into coin. But as it is possible
that upon the next arrival the former demands for bars will be
renewed, I deem it necessary to keep on hand a stock of near
a million to meet the possible exigency thus created. Should,
however, the payments are demanded in coin, you perceive that
just so far as we means are in coin bars they are practically
useless.

I have made this explanation at some length that you
may appreciate the reasons for the request I am make, which
is that the Assistant Treasurer at your city of you do not deem it
objectionable, receive a general authority from you to exchange our
bars for coin, at any time when the exigencies of the Mint may
render it expedient, without the necessity of a special applica-
tion to you. We should thus be relieved of the inconvenience now
felt in case an accumulation of bars should at any time ex-
ceed the demands for them, as we can render them available
by this method, for procuring coin. Of course, as coin accumu-
lated in the Mint Treasury the bars could be returned upon
us again, as any exigency in the Assistant Treasury might
require.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your obt. Servt.

Hon. Jas. Guthrie
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington.

Secretary

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a May 17, 1853.

Sir,

I send you a few copies of the laws relating to the Mint: I have directed the publication of this pamphlet not only because the last edition, which was printed in 1846, is exhausted but because since that time many new laws on the subject have been passed and alterations made in previous enactments.

I have the honor to be,
with great regard,
Your Ob.t Servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec.y of the Treasury
Washington City.

Treasury Department
August 18 1853

Sir

Agreeably to your request of this date, by telegraph, I have authorized the Assistant Treasurer at Phila to advance Coin to you on the deposite of Bullion, to meet a Temporary demand for the payment of Silver.

Sanbury Respy
James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasy

A R Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint Phila

Office of Messrs Duncan Sherman & Comp.y
Bankers. New York Aug. 15 1853

Jno. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philad.

Sir

Learning from our friends, Messrs. Adams & Co., that extra exertions were made by the Officers of the Mint to transmit Coin to this City before the close of the last week, for the Gold Dust and Ingots deposited by ourselves & others during the week, we beg to return our thanks to your-self and Associates for your great promptitude in the matter, and to assure you that such despatch is always of more or less value to the business community here.

In the present state of our money market the early receipt of the Coin was of essential benefit to them

We are, very Respectfully
Your obt. servts.
Duncan Sherman & Co

THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE BANK.

New York, August 15. 1853

J. Ross Snowden, Esquire,
Director of the Mint

Sir:

We learn from Messrs. Adams & Co. that the unusually prompt return of coin, last Saturday, for our gold dust, was owing to your own timely energy.

We beg leave to thank you for your punctuality, and to remark, that, in a tight money market, like the present, it not only favours us, but affords relief to the whole business community.

Yours respy.

David Hoadley Pres.

Mint of the United States
Philad.a 15 Aug. 1853

Dear Sir

I received your favor of the 12th. with the enclosed slip relative to our silver coin. I quite agree with the writer that the silver coin should be improved in appearance, and you know that I have already taken the necessary steps to that end; but he has committed an injustice in charging the defect of device on the "new issue", since that issue is in no material degree different in device from the old. It would seem from the writers reference to the roughness in the Stars & quarters that he has mistaken for bad workmanship the roughness produced by the rays around the eagle, intermixed for distinguishing the new issue from the old.

I am very truly yours
James Ross Snowden
Director

R. G. Washington Esq.

Mint of the United States.
Philad[a] Aug. 15. 1850.

Sir

I am directed by the Secretary of the Treasury to request that you will attend at this Office on Monday next at 11 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of conferring with him on the subject of the Mints and Assayers of the Pacific States and California.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servant

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Phila.d.a 15th August 1853

James R Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Sir

A short time since editorial notices appeared in several of the daily newspapers stating that you would receive designs for new silver coinage shortly to be issued, and presuming that the said notices were by authority, I beg leave to offer you a suggestion in regard to the shape of the proposed coin.

My plan is to make the coin somewhat thicker than the present issues, and bevel off the edges so that a section of the piece viewed edgewise, will present this figure ⟺ ; the advantages of which, I think, are that it will lose less from friction than coin of the present shape, as it will slide easily over bank and shop counters, the edge presenting an inclined plane to inequalities of surface; besides it resembles the shape which coins attain from long usage, and manifestly must escape a great deal of the loss which they sustain to arrive at that shape.

It will be less liable to mutilation from the difficulty of punching holes through the thicker metal, or as near the edge as we usually find this abuse.

It will be more easily picked up from a flat surface, which with the present shape in very cold weather

or with a gloved hand is sometimes a troublesome operation.

It will be less liable to be lost to the owner in case it is dropped, as from its peculiar shape it will make but a short curve in rolling before falling on its side.

The increased breadth of the rim need not interfere with whatever device is selected to ornament the coin as upon the flat bevelled surface I would place in sunken letters the denomination of the piece (without abbreviation as at present) together with the "United States of America" and on the opposite side, the thirteen stars, if they should be retained. The date should be put within the rim so as to keep it in a legible condition as long as possible.

I fear there are mechanical difficulties in the way of making coin with the edges bevelled off, but if they are not insurmountable, they will afford some security against counterfeiting.

Very respectfully

G. W. Hobart

38 N. Front St.

or 43 Old York Road

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 13 aug. 1853.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your communication of the 11th with the inclosure containing extracts from the contract for erecting the Dahlonega Mint. You ask me whether the articles enumerated in the specifications formerly sent by you are such as to meet, in all respects, the requisitions of the contract.

It may be doubtful whether the terms "coining" and "coinage" as used in the contract can of themselves be construed to include the "refining" of the bullion to fit it for the operations of coinage. In Europe certainly, the terms are used with quite distinct meanings, and refining is there an operation with which the Mints, as such, have nothing to do; their functions being to coin bullion already prepared, by refining or otherwise, for the operations of coinage. In the United States the case has been different, and the refining of bullion for coinage has here been devolved upon the Mints. Hence it should seem that a contractor, undertaking to fit up a Mint for coining under U.S. laws, must be assumed to have included refinage as well as all other operations necessary to convert bullion into coin. If such is the proper interpretation of the word, then it is evident that the specifications do not conform to the terms of the contract, since they contain no schedule of apparatus adapted to refining purposes. For the other operations, as for assaying, melting & coining, the articles in the list

appear to be sufficient, at least for all the coinage that is likely to be demanded in California. If the 30 millions assumed as a basis is altogether in coin, and in small coin, the Mint will doubtless prove inadequate, if not for coining, at least for refining. But it is fair to antici-pate, I think, that the coinage will be to a great extent in the larger pieces, and that bars, unrefined as well as refined, will be the principal issues, as being the most convenient form for export.

For the reasons already mentioned by me, in a former letter, which leave in doubt what method of refining is best adapted to California, I am as yet unable to pre-sent a schedule of the apparatus necessary to be furnished by the contractor to meet that portion of his contract. For the same reasons I am unable to give a list of mate-rials for the 6 months use of the Mint, as these materials will depend upon the process adopted.

The materials for melting, coining, and assaying are already presented to the Department in the list furnished with my letter of the 8th; the two latter un-der the heads "Materials for the Coiners Department" & "Materials for the Assayers & Melters Department". The materials for melting will be as follows: Black lead pots & liners say 400 @ $2. = $800; Borax, Saltpeter & Soda for melting $200; fuel (anthracite) $300.

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect
your obt. servt
James Ross Snowden.
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie
Sec'y Treasury
Washington.

Office of the Tacony Chemical Works,

No. 58 SOUTH FRONT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Phila August 12 1853

Dr Sir

Herewith the Contents
of Barrel from the Factory
which will cost Kg. 50
& Will hold 260 lb Oil
Vitriol—

I will direct the drayman
to leave the half Barrel in
order that you may test—
it examined— We think that

the greatest Merit for
Shipping is decidedly the
best as Organizes Economy
& Safety — If you have
any improvement to suggest
will be pleased to hear from
you — Your obedient Servant

Nicolas Longworth

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint

Treasury Department
August 12 1853.

Dear Sir

Have you seen the enclosed, which I send by direction of the Secretary? He thinks it as well, that you should know what is said of us, outside.

Sincerely Yours

A. G. Washington

J. R. Snowden Esqr

Balt. Clipper

THE SILVER COIN.—There is a continual complaint of the want of silver change. The Philadelphia Ledger says that the mint is busily engaged in the manufacture of this description of currency, but the channels fill slowly. There is some reason to fear that the mint will not long be without help in meeting the demand, for rougher and more unsightly coin than the new issue of silver we have never seen thrown before the public. If the bogus manufacturers are not soon on the market, it will not be from any difficulty that the officers of the mint have put in the way by finely executed genuine coin. Such rough pieces as are the quarters and halves are little better than invitations to counterfeiters.

Confidential.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Aug. 12, 1853.

Sir,

I have send Confidential letter of Saturday in regard to the Competency of the son of Dr. Sturgeon to perform the duties of Clerk in the Mint.

My attention has been ordered to the Casiers called & the manner in which the Assay Memoranda are prepared, and in order that you may have an opportunity of judging of his qualification in this respect I enclose two entries of them for your examination.

The general duties of Clerks in the Mint require an accurate knowledge of the Coarse Mathematics and familiarity with book keeping. The greatest accuracy is required and it is also desirable that the work be done in a handsome and clerical manner and with reasonable despatch. I learn that Mr. Sturgeon is slow in the performance of his duties and in fact it is evident that he has been unaccustomed to his employment

that character, his business heretofore being that of a practicing physician.

In view of the official intercourse and relations which exist between myself and the Treasurer, I have to request that whatever action you think proper to take on this subject, it may come from the Department

In the event of any change and to provide for future cases which may occur I enclose a letter to you on the subject of the manner of appointing clerks in the Mint.

I am, with great regard
faithfully and truly
Yours.

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 11 Aug 1853

Sir

In reply to your communication of yesterday, I beg to state that the Mint has not refused to receive its own ck when returned to it for coinage. You will, on the contrary, have learned from my letter of yesterday that the coin has been returned to us to a large amount, within a few days past, and that the unexpected disbursement of coin that made necessary, has caused very great inconvenience.

As it stated in the second of the two ck's paragraphs that the Mint is paying coin for its own ck's, and as the fact is of this nature no doubt already sufficiently known to the commercial community, it appears unnecessary to take any further steps to correct the misapprehension which you state to have existed in the said city.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your obt. Servt

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. Sec. Guthrie
Sec. of Treasury
Washington.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 11 Aug 1853.

Sir,

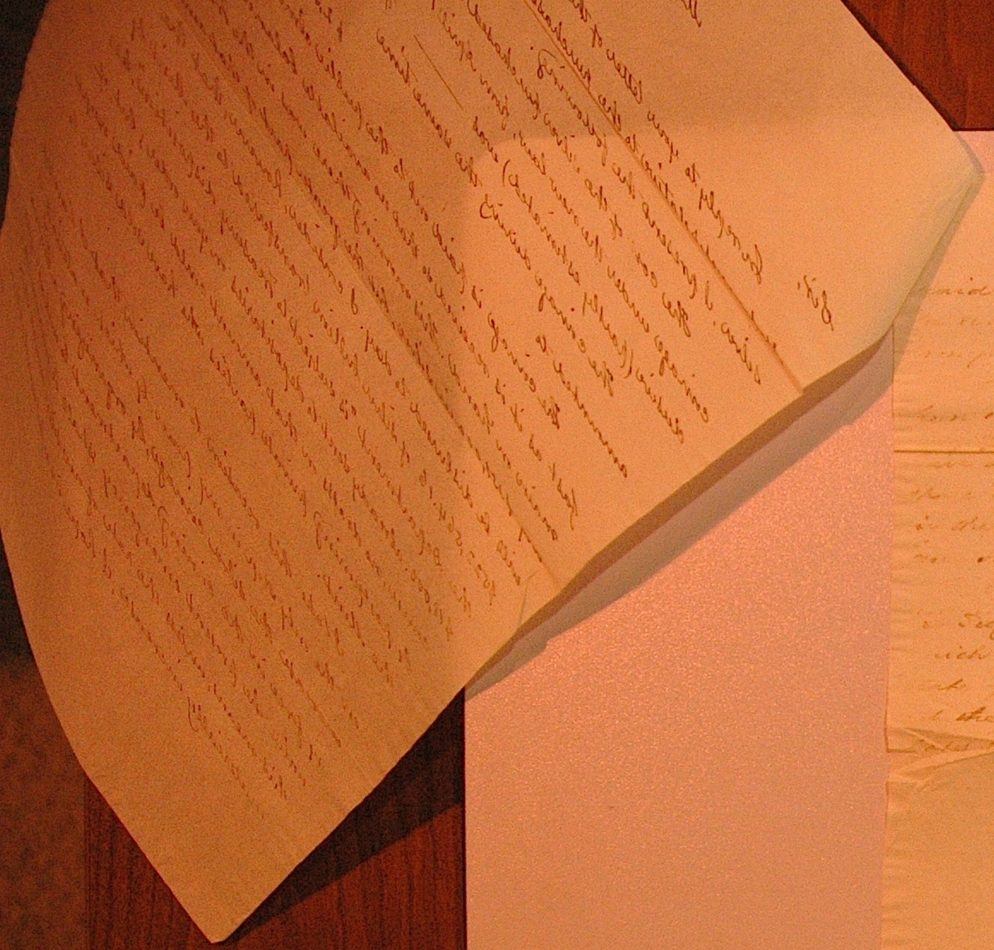
In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. asking a [illegible] statistics to the purchases and coinage of silver, I present the following.

The cost of the silver purchased at this Mint for coinage under the new law, from April 1st to Aug. 10, inclusive (partly estimated) was ——— $5,557,000.

The coinage during the same time amounted to $2,550,011

The coinage is paid out to the public almost as fast as it is received so that no available balances remain on hand. This morning there was in the Treasury $150,000 in silver, but the greater part of that amount will be disbursed to day. I consider, however, that the $527,564.16 of silver bullion transferred to the Mint by the Department "is subject to Treasury disposition", less $10,000. already sent to depositaries on your order; but, of course, no drafts in that amount could be paid except by postponing private parties who have sent silver to the Mint.

I take this occasion to mention that I have had on the way in my power, by which materially to increase the silver coinage, by organizing a company free in the coining department to work at night, until the present emergency shall be overcome. By this means, unless the rate of new silver receipts shall materially increase, I hope in a few months to have



Value for June 1 to Aug 10 1,455,500.00
Value purchases to 31 May 4,097,596.79
5,553,096.79
Paid for checks to 31 May 2,655,667.18
do to 10 Aug. 1,793,381.00
U.S.B. 522,564.16
4,972,563.34
2,550,011.
$ 2,422,552.34

Bars
Bars [illegible] 735,000.00
Coins (Gold) 888,000.00
1,623,000.00
Silver from purchases 2,422,552.34
Bills in circulation 300,000.00
Gold in coins & bars manufactured 2,942,271.82
7,293,824.16

Bars returned 240,992.44
29,146.88
98,043.32
13,883.16
5,068.61
437,134.81

Treasury Department

Confidential Sept 21 1833

Sir

I enclose a slip, from a newspaper sent, yesterday, anonimously, to this Department. Will you please to inquire into the facts alleged, and particularly those shown in-dicated by black lines. Those objected to Collector appointed their selection to subordinate places, from the natural abstacment to be anticipated, in such cases, of supervision and authority on the one side and the sense of responsibility on the other. I did not take exception to the appointment made by Dr Sturgis connected with this note from my regard to his character and standing; but if his son is inat-tentive or incompetent, I cannot for such or any concederation for-

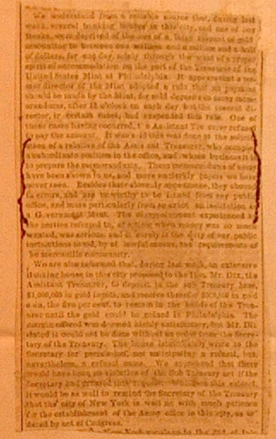
will have to remain in Office to the
prejudice & discredit of the public
service

Sam[uel] Lapsley

James Watmuff

Secy of the Treasy

D. L. Swaine Esq[r]



Treasury Department
Aug. 11. 1863

Sir

I am in the receipt of your communication of yesterday & the Treasurer U.S. has this day issued a transfer draft for $900.000 on the Ass. Treasurer at N. York in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia.

You can, it is presumed arrange with the Ass. Treasurer at N. York, for the payment of the draft in Mint certificates as in the former instance.

I am very Resp
James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

Jos. Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philada

Treasury Department
August 21 1835

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 19th instant.

The contract with Mr Lee R Curtis was not intended to include any provision for the melting refining or coining of silver; but for gold, the object was to provide ~~them~~ in the compleat manner. The contract ~~stipulates~~ for a supply, on the part of the Contractor, of all the machinery tools implements & necessary for a Mint of a capacity equal to the coinage of thirty millions annually in pieces of a due proportion of sizes. I enclose an extract from the contract, and will thank you to say whether the

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articles enumerated in the specification sent you, are such as to meet in all respects the requirements of the contract.

After being satisfied upon this point, or learning from you what additional tools machinery or implements, the Bureau should furnish, I desire to know what materials will be necessary for a six months supply.

I think favorably of your suggestion to appoint at an early day a Master and Planer. The Salary provided by law is $3000 per an. Is there any one within your knowledge, whom you can confidently recommend as qualified and suited for the office.

Yours truly
James Buchanan
Sec'y

A. E. Snowden Esq.
Sec'y

"and to furnish all the requesite machinery, fixtures and tools essential for a branch Mint in conformity to the acts of Congress on the subject."

"The party of the second part agrees to furnish all the necessary Machinery for a mint to be capable of coining thirty Millions of Gold per annum in fair proportion of pieces from one to twenty dollars, together with all the necessary fixtures, tools, implements &c required for the same, a detailed specification of this machinery, &c to accompany this contract, and invoices"

"The said Building, Machinery fixtures and tools are to be approved and accepted by such person as may be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury on behalf of the United States"

"It is agreed that all the machinery and implements for coining shall be of the very best quality and equal in all respects to new Machinery and implements of like kind in the Mint at Philadelphia (and)

"and furnish and put up the said machinery, tools and fixtures and do the same in a workmanlike manner in complete working order to the satisfaction of the Treasurer of the United States for the time being"

"and if there should lack in the schedule of necessary and proper machinery, implements, or furniture, for a branch Mint of the capacity to coin thirty millions of Gold per annum in pieces of from one to twenty dollars, that the party of the second part will also furnish them of the best quality, and have the Mint and all the Machinery, implements and tools ready and in complete working order for the business of Coining that quantity on or before the first day of February 1854 aforesaid"

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 10 aug. 1853.

Sir,

I regret that it becomes my duty to inform you that in all probability an additional transfer of gold coin to our Bullion Fund will be necessary to enable the Treasurer to meet promptly the deposit of bullion (about two millions) brought by the late arrivals. This is not due to any inactivity or negligence, but to unavoidable circumstances which may be briefly explained to the Department.

Since the late law imposing a charge of half percent for coinage, notions of economy have led to a large demand for the payment of deposits in stamped bars. These bars are, of course, nothing but bullion, and consequently, when returned to the Mint, it becomes our duty to receive them as any other bullion and to pay the value in coin to the depositor, less a deduction of ½ per cent for coinage.

In ordinary circumstances these bars are retained by the owners, and sold for shipment to meet our foreign debt, being more convenient for that purpose than coin itself. But upon a sudden demand for coin the bars are brought to the Mint, to be exchanged as I have mentioned. You are aware that, lately, the commercial difficulties have been somewhat aggravated, and as one effect of that state of things we had returned upon us, within a day or two, near $450,000 in bars. We had also on hand a further amount of about $285,000 in bars, making in all some $735,000 of gold bars. From all the information I can obtain, it appears probable that some of the gold just arrived will be demanded in bars, so that all our material of that kind in the Treasury

will, for the present, be practically useless for the payment of deposits.

Our present means, in gold coin, amount to about $188,000 & this will be added, in a few days, and available for the payments of the last arrivals, some $400,000, making in the whole, some $1,288,000. Should the gold received amount to $2,000,000, and be demanded in coin, there will be a deficiency of means of one $700,000

It would be possible for me to order the melting & manufacture into large coin, of the bars in the Treasury, as already mentioned, and I doubt not the returns would be available in time for the necessary payments in coin; but as these bars ~~are~~ have been manufactured, calculated & stamped at much expense and labor, I hope to state our circumstances to you, and asking for a draft in favor of the Treasury of $700,000, which (if you so direct) I could return in a few weeks from the present time, or as soon as our bars shall have been disbursed.

Considering the present very large amount of our bullion fund ($7,293,854.16) you may perhaps be surprised at any circumstances requiring any accession to it. But it must be recollected that much of this fund (some $2,423,000 worth) is in silver purchased for coinage, or used in the refinery, and of course not available for payment of gold deposits. Of the balance in gold, about $2,023,000 is realized in coin and bars, leaving $2,847,854.16 in the hands of the operative officers, in the various processes of refining, melting or coining. This is not an excessive or unusual amount, and considering the heavy demands on the Mint for silver coinage is creditable to the industry of the officers and their operatives.

I trust the Department agree to the propriety of order-

ing the transfer asked for, and draw for the amount on Newyork, the same course could be pursued as on a former occasion, that is deposits to that amount could be paid at the Assistant Treasury there, and the necessity of transporting the coin could thus be obviated.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
your obdt servt

James Rob. Mosher.
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie,
Sec. of Treasury,
Washington.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia August 16th 1853

Sir

I have instructed the Chief Coiner so to conduct his operations as to deliver to you silver coin in the following proportions viz: half dollars 25 per cent, quarter dollars 50 per cent, and 10 per cent dimes & half dimes. It will require some little time no doubt for these proportions to be exactly reached, but I have to request that when such shall be the case, you will proportion your payments to silver depositors in the same ratio as to denominations, and in the mean while that you will disburse the coin now on hands or to be delivered, so as to attain as nearly as possible the proportions required

very respectfully yours

James Ross Snowden
Director

Daniel Dougherty Esq
Treasurer &c

Treasury Department
September 10 1839

Sir

It has been stated that after gold has been cast in ingots at the Mint, it refuses to receive them for coinage. Will you please say if this is so? If it is not, as I presume it is not, I should be glad if you would immediately adopt some mode of correcting the misapprehension, that appears to prevail, upon the subject, in New York.

I am very respy
Jas Buchanan
Secy of the Treas

Dr Dr Chapman Esqr
Director of
the Mint
Phila

Gold Coinage for August. 1863
including delivery of 11th (Wednesday)

Gold Sovereigns	£244,000	(165,000 to deliver 11th)	
Gold Eagles	29,600	116,000	
	£273,600	£281,000	
Bullion on hand & produced in Eagles	60,000		
	£333,600		

Silver Coinage for August 1863
including delivery of 11th inst. (Wednesday)

Fine Dollars	£6,000		
Fine do	99,000	(78,000 to deliver 11th)	
Silver	21,000	£11,000 to	
	£200,000	89,000	
Bullion on hand & produced in Dollars	49,000		
Fine do	91,000		
Silver	24,000		
Fine do	22,000		
	£386,000		

The Mint Charge
ament of the Depth

	Gold.	Silv.	
6 p.c. 1/20	23,160	22,000	Chief Cashier's Office
12 p.c. do	46,320	45,000	August 7th 1863
33 1/3 p.c. 1/3 old	120,667	119,000	
20 p.c. 1/5 old	193,000	191,000	
	191,147	186,000	

Rec'd. 11 a/ B.S. marked 12 Ky Bank Exam Leg the

Bank of Rutland
Aug. 8th 1853.

Treasurer Mint
Phila. Sir.

I enclose 6/c on Metropolitan
Bank N.Y. $100. for which please send me
Key cents via N.York. Oblige
Yours respectfully
B.B. Page Cas

Rec'd rec'd 9 Aug. 53.

New York 8th Aug.t 1853

George F Dunning Esqr

Dr Sir

Will you be good enough to inform me when the deposite of gold dust (No. 3120 & 3121) made at the Mint by my son for my son Wm H. Jr & myself, will be paid? and whether or not it will be paid here or in Phila.a?

By complying with this you will oblige

a poor or yours very truly

Wm H Scott

address me Care of H & S Stuart & Co

All ready to forward a presentation of rents and mind.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia Jany. 1853.

Sir,

Applications having been presented which require some provision in reference to the receipt of, and payment for, gold bars issued by us, and returned as billion for coinage, I have to present the following instructions for your guidance under such circumstances.

Bars returned to the Mint, for coin, should be received in the office for deposits. The number, weight & gross value of the bars should be recorded, in a separate book, and the correctness of the weight, as stamped, verified by re-weighing, in the aggregate, or (if necessary) in detail. In the Book registering the bars so returned there should be columns for a deduction of half percent for coinage, and for the net value payable in coin. A statement recapitulating these details should be presented to me; whereupon I will issue my warrant for the payment, in coin, of the value after deduction of the bars so returned. The bars can be transferred, when I communicate, to your coinage vault. The cashier will make the usual entry of such bars, at their gross value, noting them to have been returned for coinage; he will also credit Exchange his coin & bar account respectively. Profit & loss will be credited with the half per cent coinage charge, in the Treasurers quarterly accounts.

very respectfully yours

Dan'l Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S.

James Ross Snowden.
Director

Rec'd & ans'd 8 Aug.

Utica City Bank
Aug 4th 1853

E. C. Dale Esq
Treasurer United States Mint
Phil'a

Dear Sir.

Inclose my check on the Metropolitan Bank N.Y. for $500 for which, if possible, please send me by Express the same amount as follows viz:-

400 Dollars in quarters
100 dollars in 10 & five Cent pieces
— or anything like the above proportion

Very respectfully &
C. S. Wilson
cashier

Mint of the U. S. Philad.a Sept. 6. 1793

Dear Sir

As requested, I have made the accompanying devices for the Dollar gold coin provided for by the act of Congress: and to be submitted to the decision of the Secretary of the Treasury & of the inspection you consider them suitable.

It may not be improper at the same time, to explain my intention in the peculiar characteristics of the drawings.

The first Reverse marked A. is intended to present an ideal female bust with the feathered tiara representing America; the word Liberty appears on the fillet in head band: surrounded as usual with the thirteen stars as the respective and adopted emblem of the United States.

The second Reverse marked B, is simply a reverse copy of the Roman head of Liberty, of similar character to that of the other gold coinage in use; varied only in detail.

The first Reverse marked A, presents the National Shield surrounded by a Wreath indicating the more prominent agricultural products of the Union viz: Corn, Rice, Cotton & Tobacco: crowned by the inscription and denomination of the coin.

The second Reverse marked B, presents a similar wreath and inscription, leaving out the shield, and substituting in the centre, the denomination.

I think it important that the character of the coin should be varied from those already in use, especially from the Quarter Eagle, which it must approximate in size very closely. This consideration appears to me to justify the decided change suggested by my designs for the reverse, in leaving off the eagle &c.

Very respectfully Yours &c.

Robt. Scot. Chief Engraver
Director of the Mint

James B. Longacre
Engraver of the Mint

Gross No. Pastille 479,778.22 — Stand. pastille 469,272.522

552.23 — 552,226 Coin

479,225.99 — 468,720.296

~~Total fine~~

Total gross wt Apothecary	505,270.41	Total Standard	495.094.424
Deduct pastils for Deposition	479.778.22		469,272.522
" Coin	552.23		552.226
Total to be deducted	480,330.45		469,824.748
Difference pastille for Mint	24,939.96	average fineness 911.9	25,269.676
			fine 22,742.7084 (911.89)

Average of Coin 89.1 standard pastille Change 2302.5[illegible]

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Mint of the United States
Philada Aug. 4, 1853.

Sir,

I herewith submit to your consideration designs for the three dollar gold coin, which have been prepared by the Engraver, Engraver of the Mint. I also enclose his letter submitting them to me.

It is important to have the devices on this coin somewhat dissimilar to those on the quarter eagle, which somewhat resembles it in size, and with that view, and the reason it is characteristic of America, I incline to the opinion that the obverse marked A should be selected, if not considered objectionable by the Department in other particulars. The amount in circulation of this coin is perhaps too large, but may be diminished without injurious general effect. Of the devices for marked B. seems to me preferable. Should this also be the judgment of the Department it will be necessary, if obverse A is also selected, to omit the date, and place the wreath between the legend, or lettering and the bust, with propriety to extend more round the border of the coin.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your obt. Servt.

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. Jas. Guthrie
Sec. of Treasury
Washington.

Inventory
Of Apparatus and Fixtures
In the Department of Melting & Refining U.S Mint Phila

Office

1.	Large Balance	$1500
2.	Tables & closets	100
3.	~~Gas fixtures~~	——
4.	Stove &c	15
5.	Other furniture of tables &c chairs	25
6.	Cars for all the rooms in this Dept.	600
		$2240

Granulating Room

		No	Length	Value
1.	granulating furnaces	4	@ 90	360
2.	flues of furnaces	1	45'	200
3.	Charcoal bins	2		80
4.	casting floods	4		30
5.	Fire-tools, tongs &c	32	@ 2	64
6	Water-pipes & cocks		60'	18
7.	granul. kettles, copper	4	@ 60	240
8.	syphons & cocks	4		30
9.	Cast-iron pans 2'x8'3	3		75
10.	Platform scale	1		45
11.	Clock	1		5
12.	Copper pans for granulation	6	@ 20	120
12.	Small copper pans, buckets, &c			50.00
13.	Granulat. boxes, copper lined	100		325
14.	Pipes to run off water		100'	30
15.	Crucibles	100		$200
				$1872

Silver Melting Room

		No	Length	Value
1	Furnaces	3	@ 90	270
2.	Tools for fire &c	24	@ 2	48
3.	Tool-stand	1		40
4.	Charcoal bins	2		80
5.	Floods for casting	3		20
6.	flue of furnaces		45'	200
7.	Table for opening ingots	1		50
8.	Ingot-moulds	100	lbs @ 8	800
9.	Anvil & hammers			30
10.	Iron pan for holding moulds	1		25
11.	Copper pan for cooling	1		75
12.	Tables for ingot filing	2		200
13.	Files	12		25
14.	Copper platform for granul.	1		15
15.	Shears for 3-ct ingots	1		75
16.	Slat floor		200 sq ft.	150
17	Bar moulds	16		5
18	Silver ingot boxes	40		130
19.	Fine silver boxes	100		325
20.	Clipping boxes	40		130
21.	Crucibles, iron	6		600
				$3273

~~20. Table (cast iron top) for opening ingot moulds~~

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Grinding Room

1. Grinding mill & machinery	1		500
2. Revolving barrel	1		$150
3. machinery			$300
4. Drying oven	1		$250
5. Sieves, tubs, buckets &c			$200
6. Washing vat & machinery	1		$300
7. Leaden water pipes, &c	100 ft.	@ .3	30
8. Stove	1		12
9. Platform scale	1		45
10. Iron breaking floor	1		50
11. Sundry apparatus,			$200
			$2037

Total Office $2,400
2. Granulating room 1,872
3. Silver mill room 3,272
4. Gold melt. room 4,027
5. Parting room 12,303
6. Garret 2,050
7. & 8. Weighing room 1,040
8. Drying room 4,320
9. Line room 1,576
10. Grinding room 2,037
$ 34,738

Gold Melting Room

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	No	Length	value
1. Furnaces	3	@	270
2. Flues in one stack	4	50'	440
3. Charcoal bins	2		80
4. Tools, tongs &c	30	@	60
5. Tool-stand	1		40
6. Platform scale	1		45
7. Bar-moulds	16		5
8. Ingot-moulds	100	@ $8 per set	800
9. Iron pans for moulds &c	3		75
10. Copper pan for cooling	1		75
11. Iron pan for cleaning	1		10
12. Anvil & hammers			30
13. Filing table (& 2 vises)	1		140
14. Files	36		15
15. Topping shears (machinery)	1		800
16. Figure punches	4		5
17. Twine	12 balls		3
18. Copper bar-cooler	1		50
19. Latticed floor		480 ft	400
20. Water pipes & cocks		100'	30
21. Buckets,	6		5
22. Brushes & brooms	50		25
23. Hoods for casting	3		20
24. Charcoal barkets	12		12
25. Fine gold boxes	30		100
26. Ingot-boxes	50		162
27. Clipping boxes	40		130
28. Crucibles	100		200
			402

29. Table for opening ingot-moulds (cast iron &c).

Parting Room

	№	Length	value
1. Parting houses	2		2000
2. Pots in the two houses	58		2436
3. Pots as necessary stock	24		1008
4. Steam pipe		300' @40	120
5. Water pipe		280'	115
6. Salt pipe		130'	60
7. Cocks & valves in pipes	52	@4	208
8. Gold filters & their cars	4 @100		400
9. Silver filters on cars	7 @50		350
10. Chloride filters on cars	5 @80		400
11. Lead pipe		100' @	30
12. Gum elastic pipe		120'	100
13. Troughs of solid pieces		150'	180
14. Chloride tub & appurtenances			$380
15. Salt tank	1		300
16. Platform scale & copper pan	1		50
17. Brooms	72		36
18. Acid jars & corks	4		80
19. Reducing vats & tools	4		400
20. Gold Syphon	1		$2000
21. Filter cloth	30 pieces		350
22. Sundries, tools, buckets, gloves, stove, pitchers &c			$1000
23. Nitrate of soda tanks, stalls			300
			$12,303

Garret

	№	Length	value
1. Iron tanks, & apparatus	2 @ 225		$500
2. Wooden tanks	1		150
3. Hoisting machine	1		500
4. Engine & putting up	1		1000
			$2152

N. W. Precipitating Room

	№	Length	value
1. Large precipitating vat, &c	1		$500
2. Reducing vats	3		300
3. Water pipe cold & hot		100'	40
4. Stove, tools &c			$200
			$1040

Drying Room

	№	Length	value
1. Furnaces & pans	3 @500		1500
2. Hydraulic press			$2500
3. Copper box for silver cake	1 "		60
4. " " " Gold cake	1		60
5 Sundries			$200
			$4320

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Zinc Room

1. Furnace	1	@ 90	90
2. Zinc cars	2	@ 45	90
3. Copper casting Kettle	1		60
4. Casting pan for granul.	1		20
5. Tools, &c			$200
6. Stock of zinc (for 1 month)	12 tons	@ 93	1116

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia 4 Aug. 1853.

Sir,

Having further understood the questions proposed by your letter of the 27th ult., in relation to the Newyork Assay Office, I have now to present the following statements.

The building to be erected on the lot in the rear of the Bank at Newyork to fit it for an assay office need not, I presume, aim at any architectural pretension, since it will be in a great measure shorn from public view. It may therefore be plain but should, I think, be fire proof, inside and out. A tall stack will be necessary, and also interior flues for melting purposes. Such a building, to cover the available space on the lot, with stack, furnaces &c complete for melting and refining except moveable fixtures I estimate would cost $40,000. I will, I trust, ~~premise this estimate with some allowance~~, as it would be impossible to be confident of accuracy, particularly ~~in regard to the building~~ expended in another city, without a full plan and description of what is required by the department, and an estimate thereon by an experienced builder or architect, furnished with the Newyork prices of materials and labor. My estimate is, therefore, in the absence of such information, made under great difficulties, but I trust it will approximate to the truth.

With regard to the possibility of executing coinage with ~~the~~ steel dies, in conjunction with melting and refining, I believe it impracticable. ~~for the melting, coining & refining~~ and coining operations requisite there is no space applicable

such being the case, my estimate for the steam engine and other apparatus necessary for the establishment, may be confined solely to such as are adapted to the purposes of assaying, melting and refining, and their accessories. The cost of these, including a [redacted] engine, and scales and other furniture for the Treasurer, I estimate at $12,000.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
your obt. servt

Saml. Ros. Knowlton.
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie }
Sec. of Treasury }
Washington. }

Waterbury August 3d 1853

Mr J. R. Snowden
Director of U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Yours of July 27th was duly recd. We have duly considered the subject of price as to the hardened casted rolls of the size and lengths we talked of when we were at the mint, and of which you sent us a rough drawing July 5th, and we now state that we are willing to make one pair for sixteen hundred dollars ($1600,00) cash, and warrant them to be as good in every respect as can be made. We expect to commence turning a pair of rolls next week of the dimentions you gave us, and think we can finish them by the first of Oct. next. perhaps before by working night & day. We are now building a larger furnace and preparing in every way to make them so that there shall be no unnecessary delay.

Yours very truly

Mckay Johnson
& Blake Bros

Borrowed from the Cabinet of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, for exhibition at the Crystal Palace at New York, two ounces Australian gold; ~~to be cast~~ of the value of forty dollars; to be returned within three months from this date.

August 3. 1853.

Adams & Co
per Geo Bant

U.S. Mint, Office of Melter & Refiner

Aug. 3. 1853

Dear Sir

In reply to your communication, asking my opinion of the capacity of a certain lot in N.Y. for Refining & melting Gold, I respectfully state that I have made plans & calculations with that object. A three-storied building made thoroughly fire-proof, the floor of the lowest story being arched in solid masonry, & the two upper floors with iron girders & floor, & of the dimensions of 30 x 33 by 75 ft., with an 18 inch wall will be amply sufficient to refine & melt upwards of 30 millions; & it is probable that its capacity may be extended still further. The building ought further to be provided with a stack of 130 @ 150 ft. in height, into which the acid fumes & most of the fires should pass. The gold melting should have a separate stack, containing several flues, & of only a moderate height.

Very Respectfully yours

I. W. Booth
M & R

J.R. Snowden. Esq
Director.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 9 Aug. 1853

Dear Sir,

I have this day directed the Chief-Coiner to suspend the coinage of double-eagles, and to proportion the other gold coinage, and the silver coinage, according to the following scales, until otherwise directed.

Eagles 15 percent, ½ E. and ¼ E., each 40 p.c., Dolls 5 p.c.

Half dollars 20 p.c, quarter dollars 10 p.c., Dimes 7 p.c, ½ D.C. 3 p.c.

You will please proportion your deliveries of ingots accordingly and from time to time confer with the Chief Coiner, so as to promote, most conveniently to him, the objects indicated.

very respectfully yours

James Ross Snowden.
Director

Jas. C. Booth, Esq.
Melter & Refiner
U. S. Mint.

Rec'd Rutland Aug 8 ay.

Bank of Rutland
Aug 4th 1853

Treasurer Illinois R.R.
Phila

Sir

I enclose to you Watertown
Bank N.Y. $100— for which please send
me Reg certs— viz N 5978— to Sigd
Yours Respectfully &c
J. A. Paige Cas

No. 212
1853

Rec'd. answ'd. 6 aug. '53

Niles dale Mich. Aug 2d 1853

Dear Sir

Yours favor of 22d July came duly to hand - in relation to the deposite made at the Bank - stating that the information is only for the parties interested. I am in partnership with Levi Clark - having furnished him with an outfit - And I herewith enclose you Contract between us - with Our County Clerks Certificate - if right please send me the amount of his deposite - or if you wish for the proof - I will cheerfully obtain it - I have not seen the said Levi Clark since his return - and therefore, as I am a partner with him, desires the information - Please return my Contract

And Oblige

Yrs truly Respectfully

Williams Waldron

Treasury Department
August 2, 1853.

Sir

Your communication dated the 30th ult. has been received. The suggestion that the Coinage of gold at the Mint be confined to the coinage of Eagles Half Eagles Quarter Eagles and Dollars in certain proportions is approved by the Department.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

J. Peter Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philada

Mint of the United States
Philada 2 aug 1853

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your communication of yesterday, enclosing a correspondence from Corning & Co relative to alleged grievances sustained by them in the sale of silver to the Branch Mint, New Orleans.

As I have no doubt the difficulty has arisen from those gentlemen having been credited only with the assay value of their bullion, or $1.21 per ounce standard, instead of $1.21 per ounce gross, I await your reply to my letter of yesterday on this subject before pursuing a special inquiry.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your obdt servt

Robt Patterson.
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Washington.

Aug. No. 2613 $2093.58

2629	193.85
2630	248.47
2660	229.47
2652	1220.33
2558	2151.35
	4,043.50

EXCHANGE OFFICE OF MILTON P. PEIRCE,
6 BANK STREET.

Cleveland Sept 28th 1853

S. R. Snowden Esqr

Dear Sir

We have sent you by this morning's Express One Bag of old Silver Coin valued at $400.00 Four or Six pieces of which please return us per Express (Care of W. Stone Express Co N.Y.) Coin as follows One small bag three cent pieces, One hundred Dollars in Dimes One " " " Half " and Balance in Quarters —

We have received for your acknowledgement of the 19th inst. New Silver Coin $345.95 Without any Statement of Loss Please send one this line and Oblige Yours truly

P. Peirce & Nelson

We are [illegible]

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Mint of the United States
Chief Coiners Office
September 24 1853

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find a statement of the coinage for the month just closing you will please observe that the proportions of dollars indicated in your letter of August 9. 1853. are very closely followed

	Gold Pieces	Value
Double Eagles	166,997	$3,321,940
Eagles	21,644	216,440
½ do	65,265	146,325
¼ do	60,781	151,945
Dollars	294,181	294,181
	608,662	$1,221,591

	Silver Pieces	Value
½ Dollars	498,000	249,000
¼ do	2,984,000	746,000
Dimes	900,000	90,000
½ do	700,000	35,000
	5,082,000	$1,261,000

	Copper	
Cents	310,000	$3,100

Recapitulation

	Pieces	Value
Gold	584.662	£ 221.598
Silver	5.602.000	1.250.000
Copper	310.000	2.100
	5.896.662	£ 1.473.698

Respectfully Yours &c

Franklin Peale
Chief Coiner

Lt. Col. R. C. Thornton
Director

P.S. Amount of Gold Coinage for 1854 £ 1,221,598
" " " Deposites 2,125,000
Excess of Coinage over Deposites £ 1,196,598

Amount of Silver Coinage £ 1,253,000
" " " Deposites 820,000
Excess of Coinage over Deposites £ 433,000

Total Excess of Coinage beyond Deposites (excluding Copper) £ 2,126,598

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Oct. 6 1853

Sir,

For your information I enclose a statement showing the receipts and disbursements of Gold and Silver Coin from the Treasury of the Mint for the week ending to day.

You will perceive we have on hand for distribution and payment,

Gold Coin $ 1,760,000.—
Silver " 442,449.—

I also enclose a statement showing the Coinage of the Month of September, (1853). Our efforts to increase the Silver Coinage have been entirely ~~unsuccessful~~, as you will see by this statement.

I also send you a statement showing the Silver deposits and Coinage since the new law respecting the Silver Coinage has gone into effect. It will be seen that the Coinage of Silver

A Statement of the Coinage at the Mint of the United States of America for the Month of Sept. 1873.

Gold

	Pieces	Value
Double Eagles	106,197	$ 3,324,940
Eagles	27,614	276,140
3 dollars	35,365	176,825
¾ do	66,755	167,345
Dollars	294,548	294,548
Pieces	534,662	$ 4,221,598

Silver

½ Dollars	498,000	249,000
¼ do	3,544,000	886,000
Dimes	900,000	90,000
½ do	700,000	35,000
Pieces	5,642,000	$ 1,250,000

Copper

Cents	310,000	$ 3,100

Recapitulation

	Pieces	Value
Gold	534,662	$ 4,221,598
Silver	5,642,000	1,250,000
Copper	310,000	3,100
Pieces	6,486,662	$ 5,474,698

P.S. Amount of Gold Coinage for Sept. $ 4,221,598
" " deposites " 3,625,000
Excess of Coinage over deposits $ 596,598

Amount of Silver Coinage $ 1,250,000
" " deposits 320,000
Excess of Coinage over deposits $ 930,000

Total excess of Coinage for Gold & Silver deposits $ 1526.00

Total

Statt of Texas in Account with $ 2766.520.24

Texas

Dollars	$ 01.905.	
Half Do	000.000	
Quarter Do	250.000	
Dimes	01.900	
Half Dimes	10.000	
Amount of Bal Due	1.444.96	442.444.96
Total Amt of Bal Due Oct 1st 53		$ 2.201.970.20

State of the United States
Dallas Co. Oct 1st 1853

James Rob Snowden,
Ass Sec Oct

Gold
Silver
Half Eagles
Quarter Eagles
Dollars
Gold Dollars
Half Dollars
Quarter Dollars
Dimes
Half Dimes
Three Cent Pieces

has been increased from $419,000 in April
to $610,000 in May, to the sum of $1,250,00
in September.

I have the honor [illegible]
with great respect
Your Obt Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Mint of the United States
Philada. Sept. 30. 1853

Gentlemen:

I have your favor of yesterday. In reply to which I have to state that in view of the existing regulations respecting the purchase of silver I cannot decline your offer. It is not my present intention to increase the price of silver beyond 121 cents per oz., and I cannot make one transaction differ from the general rule.

I thank you for the offer, and for the statement you send me of the price of silver at London by the last date of which you have received advices.

Very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director

Messrs. B. Berends & Co.
New York.

New York September 29. 1853

James Ross Snowden Esqr

Director of U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir.

We hold fifty thousand dollars principally in american halves (milled edges) and such other silver, as the mint now buys at 121 cents per ounce giving the seller the privilege of being paid in the new issue. We herewith offer to sell you the above parcel absolutely, waiving the said privilege and delivering it at the mint. at one dollar and twenty two (122) cents per ounce and which, considering the small and decreasing quantity in the market, and the high and rising price abroad, we think will be found to the advantage of the mint.

The last sales in London for mexican dollars was at 60 3/8 pence pr. ounce, holders being very firm even at that rate and which price at the relative Standard of gold in the U States and England of 486.66 brings the ounce to 122 32/100 in London. as per note below showing the basis of this calculation — Thus it is that silver has actually commenced to be exported thence and we therefor

beg you for a speedy reply to the above offer and not to hold us bound by it, beyond Monday next the 3rd proximo.

Very respectfully your servants

P. Berends

The above Calculations are based on the facts that 1 Cwt. Gold of 22 Karat fineness is worth 77/10½ Sterling in London and 43 Ounces of 900 fineness = £ 800 Bar Exchange on London this day, is 9¾ fo 60 d/s.

Mint of the United States
Philada Sept 25th 1853

Sir

I send you by to days Mail
One Set half Eagle dies. as requested by you
in your letter of the 20th Inst,

I am Sir very
Respectfully yours

J. M. Patton Esq
Supt Branch Mint
Dahlonega
Geo

Director

Aramingo Chemical Works, 1st Mo. 28th 1857

Received of U.S. Mint, Phila
Metric Assay
20 ~~empty~~ Carboys, to be ~~credited to~~ Repacked & shipped as per agreement
No. 121. 122. 119. 121. 116. 115. 116. 114. 114. 115. 119. 116. 116. 116. 113. 119. 115. 118.
2376
Maker & Lamb

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6/5
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Treasury Department
Sept. 21. 1853.

Sir

I will thank you to cause to sent to Eli B. Williams Esq. Depositary of the Public Moneys at Chicago Three thousand gold dollars and Three thousand dollars in Silver Coins of various denominations.

To be forwarded by Messrs Adams & Co Express.

I am very Respy
Your Obt Servt
James Guthrie
Sec. Treasury.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Dr. Mins Lat
Philada.

2000 Dolls E
2000 Do do
500 Dimes
5 1/2 Dc

BANKING HOUSE
OF
LUTHER, CRALL & CO.

Exchange constantly for sale, Interest paid on Time Deposites, Bills Discounted, Coin Bought and Sold, and prompt attention given to Collections

Ashland, Ohio, Sept 27. 1853.

M. E. C. Dale Esq Iron.

Dr Sir.

Enclosed please find on
Off on Atwood Lemley & Co New York for $100-
Please send us Key Coppers to Jim London Extra Cleveland
We supposed you terms would be same as a year ago
that there would be no extra charge.
Are you selling any Silver Change yet? if so
will you please give us your terms. & Oblige
Yours Truly
Luther Crall & Co

Mint of the United States
Philada Sept 20th 1815

Sir

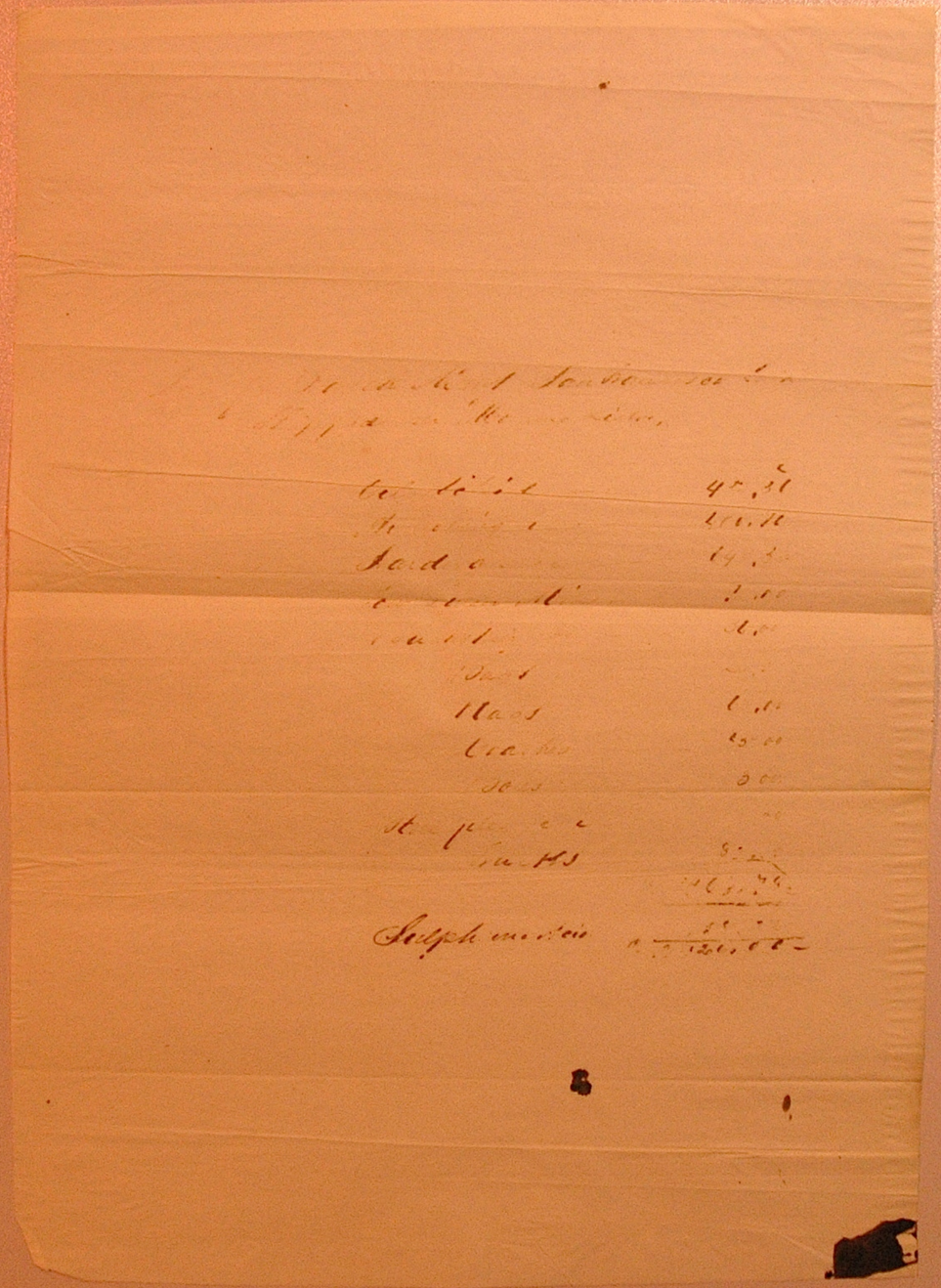
I inclose a memorandum of bills of goods shipped per "Morning Light" for the Branch Mint at San Francisco Louisiana which I have effected an insurance of Three Thousand Dollars.

I have had prepared and will send by Adams & Co express a sufficient quantity of dies for that Branch.

It is understood that the deficiencies for the Branch Mint at Carolina are not to be paid for until a future appropriation of Congress shall be made for that purpose

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Yr Obt Servt
Saml Rosh Snowden.
Director

Hon James Monroe
Secy. the Treasury
Washington City.



Mint of the United States
Philada Sep 26th 1833

Sir

I enclose a memorandum

of goods

Mint of the United States.
Philada Sept 24. 1853.

Sir,

In compliance with your letter of yesterday I have made an arrangement with Messrs Phelan and Leandri to supply coin for the California mail on the 1st of February next, and also to furnish a sufficient supply hereafter. The particulars of the agreement I will communicate to you next week.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your Obt Servt
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philada Sept. 24. 1842

Sir,

In compliance with your request I enclose a statement of the Coinage and Payments at the Mint for the week ending this day also showing the amount on hands in the several denominations of Coins.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obt Servant
Sam. R. Snowden
Director.

Hon. Sam. Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Recd 24 Sep
Ansd 25th

Pawcatuck Bank Conn.
Sept 23, 1833

To the Treasurer of the
Mint at Phila. —

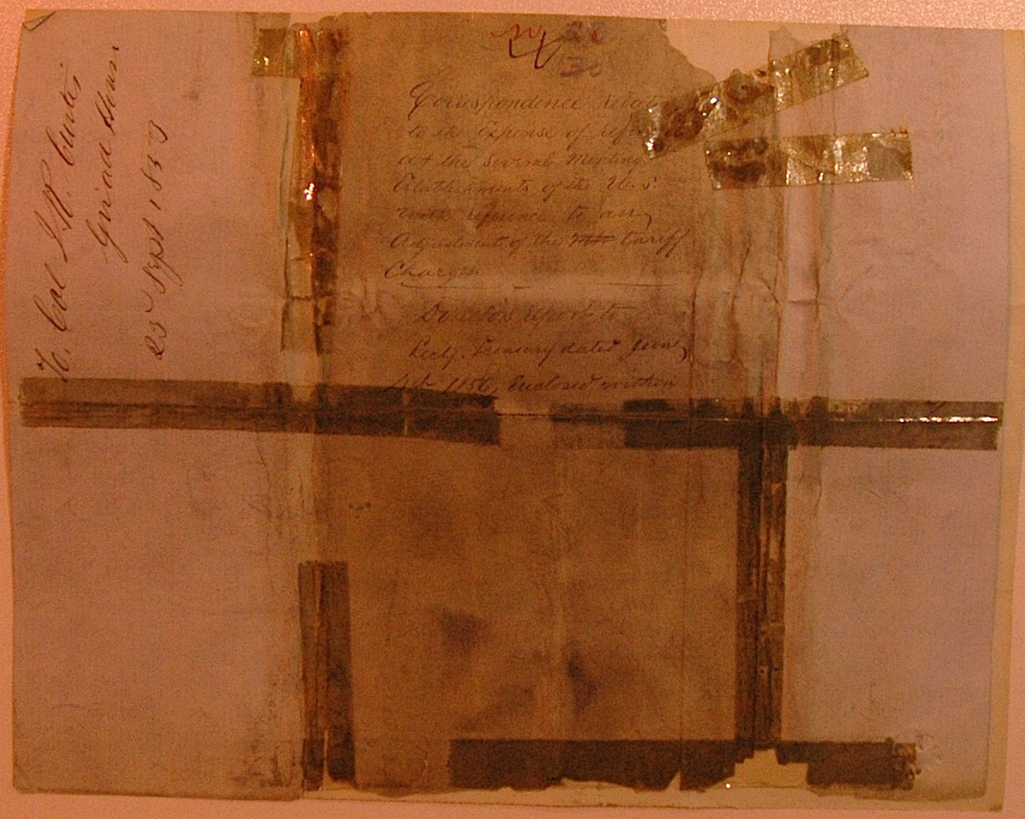
Dear Sir

I learned from the Cashier of the Merchants Bk, Prov. R.I. a few days since that the Mint would receive the California quintuple Eagles or 50 pieces in amounts of $500 or upwards at par — I have about $3000 in this kind of Coin — please have the kindness to inform me if the mint will receive it at par, and remit by Express in double Eagles — or whether it is the Custom of the mint to receive such, for recoining, & remit when recoined —

Yours Respy

P. A. Morgan Cash.

P.S.
Please direct to
Westerly R.I.
as that is our nearest
P.O.



New York, Sept 23 1863

My dear Sir:—

May I trouble you with a few questions? I am the proprietor of the New York "Daily Half-Cent," started 6 or some ten or twelve days ago. It takes well: that is, I have sold five thousand copies a day, and could sell ten thousand, if I was not afraid of ~~xx~~ running out of half-cent coins. I am obliged to furnish the newsboys with as many half-cent coins as they buy papers; hence I can use, at least, ten thousand coins a day in that way.

Unfortunately, but it is too late now for me to repeal it, I pledged myself, to advertisers, to issue at least five thousand copies a day; so that, they need not pay me, if I do not keep my word in that respect. If I was to suspend my paper, it would injure me pecuniarly, and my reputation with my friends, and many literary men and publishers, would

be shaken. But I could manage to get along for ten days more (by issuing a very small daily edition) by which time I could be sure to have my paper in some approximation to existence. I wish, therefore, to know from you, at your earliest convenience, when I may be possibly supplied with half-cents; 2nd, when I may be fully supplied with them; and third, the farthest period from the date of your reply that I may possibly have to wait for them.

I received a letter, to-day, from Mr. Robert Patterson Jr., formerly connected with the Mint. I am personally under great obligations to him for his pains to enquire about the coins, and for his proffers of future aid; but I have received no definite idea from him or to when I may expect them. He says that "the planchets have been sent for," and that "the coins will be struck off rapidly when they (the planchets) arrive;" but, whether the planchets will arrive in one day, or one month; or whether "rapidly" means immediately after they arrive, or one month after; and at the rate of one thousand a day, or one hundred thousand, I cannot gather from his letter. I want to know when and in what quantities I can be supplied with

I beg, Sir, that you will not hesitate to command my services, at any time. I am an old and practiced writer for the press of this and other cities, and shall be happy and able to be professionally useful to you, in my own columns, and those of other and more pretentious papers. I shall scarcely feel easy, until I receive a word, in some way, for the trouble I've created. But I console myself with the reflection that there are few men who, at some period of their lives, do not require the friendship of a journalist; and that you may require mine.

Very Respectfully
A. R. Boyd

Please reply immediately.

Office of Daily Half-Cent. 51 Beekman st. New York

P. S. — I explained to Mr. Patterson, in a private letter, that the success of a business that will yield me a profit of over $100 a week, depends upon my receiving a speedy and regular supply of coin. If I could expedite the matter, by procuring planchets &c, I would do it, if possible.

A. H. Boyd
Attorney
Memphis, Tenn.

1853

Crouse Bank

Treasurer of United States Mint Syracuse Sep 27 1853

Philadelphia

Esq Cashier

Dear Sir

Your favor of the with enclosures is received, and shall have attention.

I enclose for ~~collection~~ 1 Reg of Cents

Df Bank State N.Y. $ 100.

Respectfully &c

A.T. Butler Cash

Direct to

A.T. Butler Cash

Syracuse

N.Y

Lancaster Sept 22 1853.

Dan.l Strogen Esq.
Treas.r U.S. Mint.

Sir

Since our respects of the 21st inst. we have received your esteemed favor of the 20th inst. enclosing Check on New York for $4.268.10 being amount due, in settlement of Invoice July 13 as per your statement.

We will return some present planchets, & ground as soon as made.

We are
Sir
Your very Respectfully
Brockie Bro. & Co.

Treasury Department
Sept 22 1818

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 20th instant. If you are satisfied that the compensation demanded by the Contractors, is fair and reasonable, you are authorized to close the arrangement with them; but I think you had better provide Plans and Specifications of the articles to be furnished, and hope you will be satisfied before concluding the contract, that it embraces every thing required in the Branch Mint, for the Coinage of Silver, and for the Melting Parting and refining of Gold.

Samuel Ingham Secy

Samuel Southard
Secy of the Treasy

A. R. Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Phila

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

MORSE LINE,

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New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington,

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraph.

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly; answer quickly; be as brief as you can; they cost more; give name, street, and number of the party addressed, to ensure prompt delivery; also, your own address under your signature; no charge for address and signature. The above is the best notice as well as advertisement.

OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA—No. 58 Chesnut Street, two doors above Third.

Offices in NEW YORK.....No. 5 Hanover Street, and Irving House, Broadway.
" WILMINGTON.....Glanis's Building, Corner of Third and Market Streets.
" BALTIMORE.....Sun Iron Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
" WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated Washington Sept 22 1853

Rec'd, *Philadelphia*, 22 1853 o'clock, min. *M.*

To J. R. Snowden
Director Mint.

You will receive
the answer which is
favorable by the next
Mail James Guthrie

12/36
x1c

Treasury of the US
21st Sepr. 1853

Sir,

I have this day issued Transfer draft No 426, on you for $15000 in favor of the Depositary at Detroit for payable in small coins, & have instructed the Depositary at Detroit to transmit the same to you, as soon as the draft is paid according to its tenor, which you will please use as a Voucher for charging the amount in your return to this office.

Very respectfully
Your obdt Svt
Tom Casey
Treasr. US

Treasurer US Mint
Philadelphia
Penn

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

21 Sept 1853.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive one Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
S. CASEY,
Treasurer of the United States.

Danl Sturgeon Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank, or other Institution.

Trea dft 5910 on Mt. 912 — $ 5,250 Sal.
12,500 Mayo
6.250 Ins
24,000

Mint of the United States
Philad.a, Sept. 21, 1853

My dear Sir

I have your letter of yesterday. It will give me great pleasure to furnish you with the coins which you may wish to deposit in the Corner Stone of the Masonic Hall on Chesnut St.

The Washington medal can be prepared for you. But you had better confer with Mr. Beale our Chief Coiner on the subject as the making of medals is usually under his direction. It is also necessary for you to indicate the metal of which it is desired it should be made.

I am, Respectfully & Truly Yours,
(Signed)
James Ross Snowden
Director

Col James Page,
Chr. B.C.

Mint of the United States.
Philada. Sept. 21, 1853,

Sir,

In compliance with your letter of yesterday, I have caused the Treasurer of the Mint to forward to Elisha Taylor Esqr. Dep.y at Detroit $ 15,000. — as follows.

	500 dollars.	$ 5,000
Exam-	Half dollars	3,000
	1/4 dollars	5,000
	Dimes	1,000
	1/2 "	1,000
		$ 15,000. —

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
your obdt. Sert.
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

In Relation to the Forwarding
of $15,000. to Elisha Taylor &
Deputy as desired

Recd 24 pf
Ans. 2d

Boston Sept. 21. 1833

Sir

We take the liberty to enclose our Business Card. to which we beg your attention.

Our object in addressing you at this time is to call your attention to the Mint Return of a parcel of California Gold Dust, which we purchased here on the 18th inst. & forwarded the same through Mr Cutler Downer the next day to be assayed — Certificate of which is Inclosed.

The Gold referred to was an 8 ha lot of Clean Dust. for which we paid here $17.50 per oz, and was entirely clean from dirt or quartz —

Before sending it to the Mint we shewed it to several of our Gold Dealers & assayers who were unanimous in the opinion that the quality was very superior — so much so — that they repeatedly offered $17.80 per oz which we declined, on account of its apparent superiority — we were also offered by Mr Downer the Express man who forwarded it to the Mint $17.62½ — One refiner, Mr. Clark Bacon, whose opinion is highly valued here, was confident that it would net us $18, at the Mint. —

You can judge of our surprise at the heavy loss of 5 52/100 dr in a lot of 80 oz of bright clean lump. — Since the return of the

certificate we have shewn it to three assayers who saw the Gold before it was sent away & they express an opinion that there was a mistake in the assay — We inclose a note from Mr Bacon in regard to the quality of the Gold —

We have had much experience in the purchase of Gold Bullion — have never sent a more promising lot to the Mint, and have never been so grievously disappointed in the result —

Will you do us the favour to make an enquiry & investigate the matter of those whose duty it is to assay the Dust & ascertain if there was not some loss, error, or omission by which we have suffered so largely. — A reply at your earliest opportunity will much oblige

Sir
Yours respectfully
Gooding & Co
per H. K. Blanchard

PS —
Perhaps an examination of the weights of the Bar, or the pot in which the Gold was melted will account for the discrepancy, if any. —

To Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Boston Sept 22 1853

This Certifies that I thoroughly examined the Gold Dust referred to in the annexed letter at the request of Messrs Gooding & Co. and found it to be of extra quality & assayed them 17.8/100 per oz to use in my business of Gold Refining, and am of opinion there was some mistake in the return of the quantity after melting —

Charles Bacon

Albion N.Y. Sept 21 1858

E. C. Dale Esqr
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Dr Sir

We enclosed to you by mail Sept 11th a Draft on New York (Mercantile Bk) for Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars & requested you to send us one eagle its equivalent in 5 Cent Pieces. We have not received them neither have we heard anything from you on the Draft. Please let us hear from you by return mail and if you have received the Draft when we may expect the Change

Truly yours Obdt Servants
Collins & Yarako

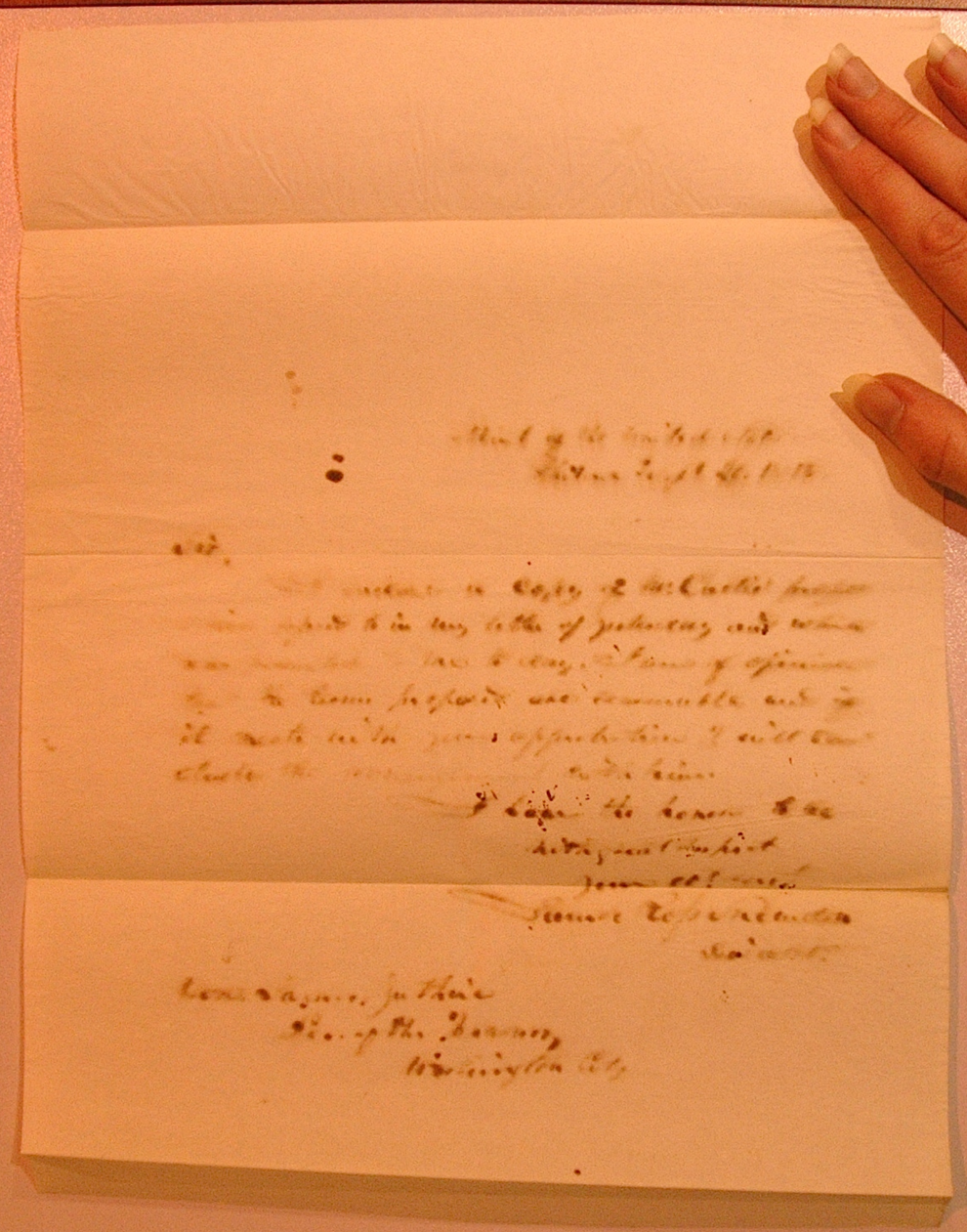
Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Sept 20. 1853.

Sir,

In compliance with your instructions I now enclose lists of the apparatus and articles required for the Assay Office in New York, and the estimated Cost at Philad.a prices.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
your obt. servant.
James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.



Dear Sir.

The Building Committee of the New Masonic Hall about to be erected in this city are desirous of procuring to deposit in the cavity of the corner stone at the time of laying the same, some from our fellow citizens hands, a medal of Washington, and the latest issues of the gold silver & copper coin of the Union, of each a specimen, excepting only the ten and twenty dollar gold pieces. Will you be able to accommodate them, they of course paying the value of the same?

Yr truly

Col. J.R. Snowden.

J. Page
Ch. B. C.

Philada. Sept. 20. 1853

3000 1/2
5000 1/4
1000 1/8
1000 1/8
10000

Treasury Department
Sept 20 1853

Sir

The Secretary of the Interior has applied to this Department to furnish a supply of small gold and Silver coins at Detroit for the use of the Agent for paying annuities now falling due to certain Indians in that region of country. I have therefore to request that you will transmit, under proper arrangements with the Express Company, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, say of gold dollars $5000. and new Silver of convenient denominations $10000. to Elisha Taylor Esq. Asst. of public moneys and designated depositary at that place

Samuel Ruff

A.R. Shearer Esq
Asst Treas Detroit Mich

Jno Kettlewell
Secy Treas

Rochester N. Y. Sept 19. 1853

To the Treasurer of the United States Mint

Philadelphia

Penn

Enclosed you have draft on N Y for $50. for which please send us Cent (charges paid) Can we get three cent pieces by sending draft on N.Y.

Please write us

Respectfully

Wilder Gorton & C

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Sept. 19. 1853.

Sir

In reply to that portion of your letter of the 16th inst., which states as a reason for not having to stock that the furnishing of a weekly statement as requested was a command by only attention. In my former letter I stated the efforts I am making to increase the silver Coinage at the Mint. I am happy to state that the present results and future prospects in this particular are satisfactory. Nothing this Month at the Mint in silver will approximate $1,300,000. Nor can $700,000 be a large Coinage. In a few weeks we will be through with our agreement to buy the Dollars of silver in silver Coin and we will then be able to make exchanges of silver for gold Coins. The Government, on the 10th of April last purchased $500,000 and I suppose that that amount Constitute a fund for the disposal of

on hand applicable to that object the following sums.

# 250,00	in Quarter dollars
30,00	in ~~dollars~~ dollars
5,000	in dimes
3,000	in half dimes
# 288,500	

Those amounts we can send to such officer as you may designate.

I will write to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans and instruct him to use all possible means to increase his silver Coinage.

Your remarks in reference to Small Gold Coin will commend my attention.

I am with much respect
Your Ob. Servt.
[illegible]
Sec. of

Recd Phila Oct 20 1844 — Ans 19 Oct — J. Hagner 77

Near Mt Sidney Augusta County
Sept 17th 1853

To the Assayer
Of the Mint at Philadelphia
Sir

Some time in the latter part of the Month of May or Early in June, One John Smith, or John M Smith as he Sometimes wrote his name, Alleges to have made a deposit of California Gold in the Mint in Philadelphia. Could Oblige me Sir very much by informing me immediately how much Gold Smith did deposit — And how much Adams & Co. Express Company for him (Smith) from California —

Your attention Sir to this matter will render me under Obligations to you in a like manner

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Saml B. Hanby

N.B. Oct 3 — Gave information to Mr. Harper

Fort Wayne
Indiana
Sept 17th 1853

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a check on Thurlow Lamin & Co. of Newyork for $80 for which I wish you to send, to me $80. worth of Cents. by express. either by way of Newyork, Buffalo & Toledo, or by Pittsburgh Cleveland & Toledo

very Respectfully
Your Most Obt Servt
D. G. Maris
Post Master
Fort Wayne
Ia

Director of the Mint &c
Philadelphia

Recd 19 Sept
Ans 22 "

Dutchess County Bank
Poughkeepsie N.Y. Sept 17. 1853

Director of the U.S. Mint
Dear Sir

On the 16th August we forwarded
by Express 60 ounces of Gold
dust to be coined and
returned to this Bank
Please inform me if it
has been received and when
it will be returned

Very Resp Yours

Cleveland Sept 15th 1853

Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Enclosed we
send our draft on Mess. L. B. Chittenden
Bro & Co. for fifty dollars for which
please send us a keg of pennies
& oblige

Yours Resp.
J. Raymond & Co

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Sept. 15. 1853

Sir,

I have received your letter of Saturday. I have made an arrangement to send to San Francisco by the Morning Light clipper as many articles as we can get ready, when they are shipped I will send you a copy of the bill of lading. I will also have an insurance on them as requested.

Mr. Curtis wrote to me that he will be here on Saturday, when I will make the best agreement that I can with him for the Refining and the Silver Coinage.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obed.t
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec.y of the Treasury
Washington City.

New York, Sept 15th 1853

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 13th inst was received this day. I am greatly obliged to you for the kind terms in which you offer me assistance in preparing for my duties in the Assay Office of New York. It is probable that I shall call on you at the Mint the latter part of next week. In the mean time, I am

Dear Sir
Very respectfully yours
S. Mackey

J. R. Snowden Esqr
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Rec. 17 and 18 returned

Albion Newyork Sept. 14, 1833

E. C. Dale Esqr Treasurer

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Draft on Newyork for One Hundred & Fifty Dollars for which you will please send me its equivalent in three cent piece & much oblige Your Obt Servt

Collins & Saunders

Address Collins & Saunders
Albion
Orleans Co
NYS

By Express

Treasury Department
Sept 14 1838

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. relative to the machinery and apparatus required for the Assay Office at New York. I have to say that in my opinion it should be equal to from forty to sixty millions. If the demand go beyond that amt. there must be further provision for the excess. but it is highly probable that the Branch at California will do a portion of the business. and it is even possible that the melting and Refining may pass into the hands of private enterprise. On the whole, I think therefore the capacity named is the safest estimate, which can now be made, to guide you in the preparation of the machinery Sumpter Rogers

I am Sir
Your Ob. Servt
Levi Woodbury
Sec Treasy

D. R. Snowden Esqr
Director. Phila

A Statement of the Coinage at the Mint of the United States for the Month of Sept 1833.

Mint of the United States,
Philada Sept. 14. 1853.

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause a warrant to be issued in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for the sum of twenty four thousand dollars, payable out of the appropriation for the fiscal year ending on the 30th June 1853.

viz: For salaries of officers and Clerks $5,250.00
" Wages of workmen 12,500.00
" Incidental expenses 6,250.00
Amt $24,000

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
your obt Servt

James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.
Washington City.

Gross and standard weight Value of £1.
" " " " £1 Sovereign mould

Gold ~~Bullion~~ Clippings Standard Weight

New York Sept 13th 1853.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 10th inst advising me of the authorization of the Secretary of the Treas. to you, to enter into a contract with me - one not rec'd until this morning.

I propose to be in Phil. on Friday 16th with my family. You say, the report of Mr Newton will be ready in a day or two. I hope no time will be lost

Very truly Yours

Jos. R. Curtis

Chs. J. Rep. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Phil.

Mint of the United States
Philada Sept 13th 1833

Sir

Yours of the 9th Inst has been received and for the information you desire, I enclose a Circular from which you will perceive that the Director abstains from advancing any suggestions on the subject of the new devices for the Silver Coinage of the United States preferring that the designer should be entirely untrammelled in the exercise of his judgment and skill.

From the circular you will also perceive that the remuneration to be given to those Hints which shall appear best fitted to the object in view has not been fixed at any particular sum but will be such as I may consider proper and suitable.

Respectfully Yours

Samuel H. Jewett Esq
Augusta

Director

Mint of the United States.
Philada. Sept. 12. 1853.

Dear Sir,

I learn from Mr. Guthrie, Sec. of the Treasury that you have been appointed Assayer of the Assay office to be established in New York. I write to say that I will be happy to see you in Philada. whenever it may be convenient for you to come here. And it will give me great pleasure to afford you every facility in our power to make you familiar with our methods of performing the duties which will be assigned you.

I am, Very Respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Dr. John Torrey
Assayer, Assay Office.
New-York.

Mint of the United States,
Philad.a Sept. 13. 1853.

Dear

Sir,

I have to day received the reports of the Captains of the Revenue Cutters. Capt. Moore, says when the vessel is fully provisioned and fitted with all necessary articles for the voyage it will be impossible to stow any thing more in her. Capt Cornell, says his vessel is small requiring all the room for the officers and crew upon so long a voyage. I am sorry to say, it would be impossible to carry any articles of bulk. What articles are shipped by the vessel must be in small packages and not exceed one ton. In a P.S. added by Mr. C. Pease 1st Lt. superintending outfits, he says "I would remark that what articles are to be shipped on board the Cutter must necessarily be stowed under the berth deck and would be liable to dampness and rust". These reports render it necessary to look elsewhere for transportation. I have ascertained that "the Morning Light" a Clipper ship and an excellent sailer will leave this Port for San Francisco in a week from to day. The Captain will be at the Mint tomorrow at my request and I will then make the terms of Carrying freight. [illegible] Kegs of Sulphuric acid

ready for shipping; the materials for the Carriage
department will also be ready that week.
I think they should be forwarded at once
without waiting for the report of Mr Hewston
on the Hawks or Sulphuric acid process. Enough
is now known to determine the propriety of
that system. Of report as to the apparatus
necessary will be made in a few days
and as soon as I can be able either to
communicate with or see Mr Curtis the
arrangement can be made for supplying
the Brands Wind mill with that apparatus
and for the Silver Concaves. As at present
circumstances I think one of from $14,000
is quite enough, perhaps too much. I will
see if it cannot be made for less if
possible.

It may be a proper precaution
to insure the freight you may send; if
you think so I will have it done. Also if
is important that these articles should reach
San Francisco in proper time I suppose I had
better not charter as to the freight but make
the arrangement without delay.

I have not heard from Mr. Curtis but
I learn to day that he will in town this week.
I send it as difficult to ascertain the [illegible]
of shipping and manner of the Carriages [illegible]
a letter to be able [illegible]

Mint of the United States.
Philada Sept. 13. 1852.

Sir

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 11th inst. Before presenting a statement of the apparatus and articles for the New York Assay office I must be pleased to be informed of your estimate of the probable amount of business which will be done at that office. The business at this Mint during the present year will approximate sixty Millions of dollars. The building at New York is calculated for melting and refining 100 millions per annum.

It will give me great pleasure to afford Mr Dorsey and Cobb every facility in which they may be enabled to discharge the duties which have been assigned them.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your Ob. Servant
James Ross Snowden,
Director

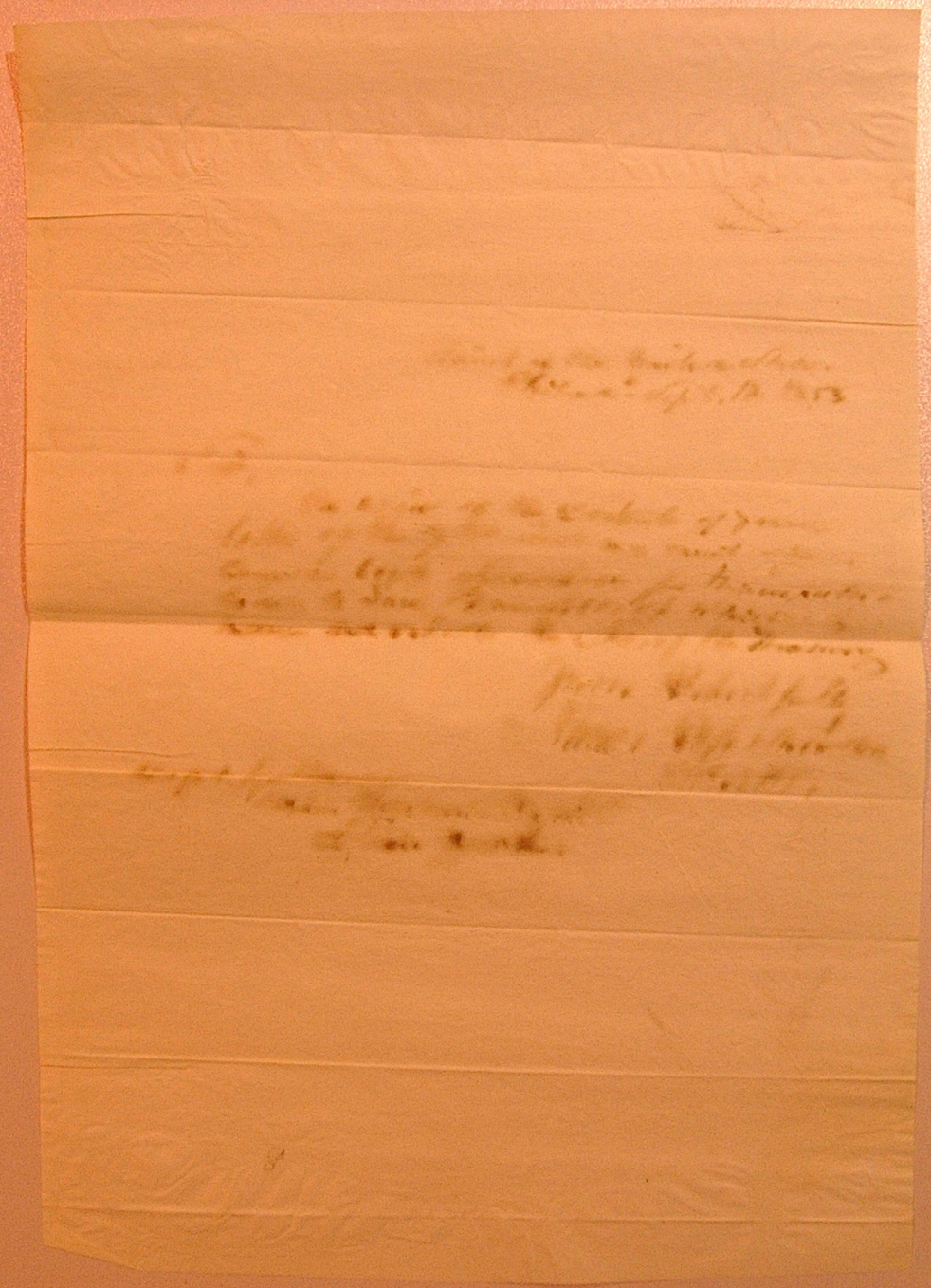
Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Mint of the United States.
Philada. Sept. 13. 1853.

Dear Sir, — I am informed by the Secretary of the Treasury that you have accepted the appointment of Melter and Refiner of the Assay Office in New York. It will give me pleasure to see you in Phila. and to explain to you every particular by which you may understand the practical operations of the Department here which is similar to the one assigned to you.

Very Respectfully
James Ross Snowden
Director.

R. Lachlan Cobb
Melter & Refiner
Assay Office
New York.



Capt. Asplus Cornell
U.S. Revenue Service.
New York.

37 Walnut Street

Philadelphia September 12th 1853

Col Snowden
Director N States Mint

Dear Sir -

The Ship Rockaway is ready & take in Mdse - Should you desire to ship by her we would be glad to receive the goods immediately Freights having very much advanced we will be obliged to charge you 40/- ptun instead of 30/ mentioned by us some time since

Very Truly &c
Geo W Henry Lea
pro A Edwards =

Card to purchase
at San Francisco
with Mr. Lane

Newark N.J. Sep. 12th 33

To the Supt. of the Mint, Phila

Dr Sir

I noticed some time since in one of the N.Y. papers that you desired designs for a new issue of coins. If such is the case will you have the kindness to send me the particulars regarding the number, size and style of design required. I should be pleased to enter the lists of competitors for the honor of designing my country's coin if it is not too late to do so.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Yours &c

Jno R Chapin

75 Orchard St

Newark

Send copy of reply

Circular. J.R.C.

Mint of the United States
Philada Sept 16th 183

Sir

Yours of the 12th Inst has been received. I enclose a circular from which you can obtain the information you desire.

Very Respectfully Yours

Director.

Treasury Department
Sept 11. 1853.

Sir,

The building of a house for the accommodation of the Assay office in New York has been commenced, a plan and description of which, I shall instruct the Superintending Architect in New York to transmit to you. The building will probably be finished some time about the beginning of December and it is desirable that the machinery should be then completed and ready for it. As I desire all the machinery apparatus &c to be constructed in Phila and under your direction, I will thank you to send me a bill of particulars of the articles required,

together with an estimate of the cost.

Dr. John Torrey has been appointed Assayer, and Dr. Lardner Gibbs Melter and Refiner of the said office. I have advised both these gentlemen to visit Phila.a to examine and make themselves acquainted with the processes in the Mint of their respective branches of business and also to select their workmen in order that they may receive some preparatory instruction and training. I have ventured to assure both gentlemen that you will afford them every facility in your power for the purpose in view, which I hope you will do upon their presenting the letter which I have requested them to deliver by way of introduction

Dr Torrey will also consult you as to a fit person to be appointed his assistant, and I will also thank you to give some consideration and attention to that subject

Sincerely Yours

Jonn Rutherfurd
Secy of the Treasy

L. R. Snowden Esqr
Director of the
Mint Phila.

Mint of the United States
Philada Oct 3d 1833,

Sir

Your letter of the 26th Ult transmitting
Estimate of

No. 1628 MINT OF THE U. S. SILVER BULLION.

$ 325.63

Treasurer's Office,

Philadelphia, 10 Sept 1853.

271 60/100 Ounces at 1 Dolls. 21 Cts. per oz.

Pay to M. Manley or Bearer,

Three Hundred Twenty Eight 13 Cents.

To Paying Clerk.

Phila.a Sept 10/53.

To the Treasurer of the
Mint. Du Ci.

You will
oblige me if you will
return the Silver deposited
with you this Morning
as there is a Mistake

Yrs Truly
R. Manley

37.60
325.20
228.60

Mint of the United States.
Phila.a Sept. 10. 1858.

Dear Sir,

I have been authorized by the Sec. of the Treasury to make an arrangement with you in regard to the Refinery and Silver Coinage at San Francisco. I am prepared to present you with a specification of Machinery &c necessary for Silver Coinage. Mr Newton is employed on the subject of the proper apparatus for refining. I hope to have his report in a day or two. At no time should we lose perhaps you had better come to Phila and have a Conference with Mr Newton upon the matter.

I am, my dear Sir,
and Respectfully yours,

James Ross Snowden

Col. J. R. Curtis
Care of Messrs Beebee & Co
No 49. Wall St.
New York.

Mint of the United States
Phila. Sept. 10. 1853

Sir,

I enclose the bonds of Messrs. Longpeer and Costello for the faithful discharge of their duties as Clerks in the Mint. Mr. Costello enters upon his duties to day. Mr. Longpeer on the 15th inst at which time the resignation of Geo. W. Eddleman takes effect.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your obt. Servant

James R. B. Snowden,
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec'y of the Treasury
Washington City.

Bank of Rutland
Sept 9th 1853

Treasurer U S Mint

Dr Sir

Enclosed check on Metropolitan Bank New York $200, for which please send me two Keys cents, via New York & Troy

Respectfully &c

J B Page Cas

Mint of the United States,
Philad[a] Sept 9th 1834

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 5th inst. I have to inform you that the coinage of the three cent peices was suspended on the 9th April 1834; it will therefore be out of our power to make the arrangement you propose.

Respectfully yours.

Saml R. Snowden
Director.

Messrs Raymond & Ward.
Chicago.

Ocean Bank.
Newburyport, Mass., Sept 9th 1853.

E. C. Dale Esq Treas.

Dear Sir

I enclose my check on Comm. Bank of Penna. $200. for which please send me same amount in cents.

Very resp.y

Moses Stone
Cas.

LEMUEL W. SERRELL.
SOLICITOR OF
American & Foreign Patents,
No 289 BROADWAY
NEW YORK.

New York 9th September 1853.

Dear Sir

As I am desirous of presenting designs for the new coin, you will oblige by sending me any information you may be able to give on the subject, as to what coins are required; whether of the present size; and what remuneration will be given for the designs that may be accepted, provided this point has been determined. —

Remain Dear Sir

Yours respectfully

To the Director of the Mint

Lemuel W. Serrell

Quarantine 28th November
Sept 8 1838

Sir

I have duly received your
letter of the 7th inst. I have thereby
written to Mr Wootten and authorized
him to employ as many reliable
workmen as he may consider it
necessary to carry with him to Lake
Harris. The trade of the Branch
System of recovery had better, I suppose,
be at once commenced with
Mr Wootten, and this business will
afford the best opportunity to Mr
Wootten to instruct and organize
his corps.

The Superintendent of the Branch
Mint was, as you are probably aware,
appointed before the adjournment
of the Senate at the last session.

case of objection, it will be best to select the other officers, namely Engineer and Surveyor, at once, and and willing to make the same arrangement in respect to these officers as has been made with Mr Houston, and on the same terms of compensation if suitable persons can be found. If you can name persons every way adapted to the offices in question I will be glad to hear from you with[illegible].

The contracts and engagements already made on account of the Harbor Bill, leave but little of the appropriation for that object, now at my disposal. I do not therefore think expedient to provide all the machinery tools implements &c &c both for the Labor & Survey depending upon that for printing and copying which will be disposed to dispense with

hem accordingly.

The twelve officers were some days since instructed to report to you, and probably, by this time you may have heard from them.

Sambury Respy
James Buchanan
Secy of the Treasury

P.S. Of course you do not overlook the dies.

J. R. Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Phila

To the Depot of the U.S. Mail
Philadelphia

Dear Sir Herewith
we hand you Paper Dollars
in Cash — for which please
forward the same value in
Specie — for Mess Adams & Co
Express — to Mess Chamberlain
& Peck Ogdensburgh N. Y &
oblige

Yrs very Respy

S & B Shriver & Co

New York Septr 8 1853

Mint of the United States
Philada 8 Sept 7th 1853

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the nominations by the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at New Orleans of James D. Gilmore, Oscar Jonard, and Martin Kennedy, to be clerks in his office have been approved by the Sec. of the Treasury, with the salaries and commencing at the period designated by him.

I am very Respectfully

Dir. Mint

To Charles Bienvenu
Superintendant
Branch Mint
New Orleans

Mint of the United
Philada Sept 6.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of yesterday
and pleased to learn that you accept
employment which I am authorized
Sec. of the Treasury to offer you.

In view of the proposed
of opinion you may deem it necessary to
some preliminary experiments in regard to
Francis's model. Apparatus, materials
space will be placed at your disposal by
Booth and Mellvaine, who will
to you any facilities you may require.

You may regard your
ment as Commencing today.

I beg to add that as
Branch Mint must go into operation on
1st of Feb. next you will please use
earliest dispatch, and report to me as
earliest possible moment the result of
experiments and a specification of
apparatus necessary to be furnished, with
other suggestions as you may deem
John Newton Jr Esqr and Mess Robt Patterson
Philada
James Ross Snowden

Mint of the United States
Philad.a Sept. 6. 1852.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 2nd inst, giving assent to the employment of an additional Clerk in the Treasurer's Office. I enclose the nomination by the Treasurer of Joseph B. Costello as such additional Clerk. I also enclose the nomination of John S. Lungren as Clerk in the Treasurer's office in the place of Geo. W. Edelman who has resigned to take effect on the 15th inst.

Messrs. Costello and Lungren are known to me to be gentlemen of integrity ~~and of~~ and of ~~capacity and competency~~ well qualified for the discharge of the duties which will be appointed them. Mr. nomination by the Treasurer meets with my entire approbation and I unite with that officer in asking your approval of their appointments. I propose to fix their Compensation at I have the honor to be $1200 per annum each with great respect

Your Ob.t Serv.t

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec.y of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Treasurer's Office. Sept. 6. 1853.

Sir

I nominate Joseph C. Costello as the additional Clerk authorized in your letter of the 2nd inst to the Director of the Mint. I also nominate John S. Lungren as Clerk in my office in the place of Geo. W. Edelman resigned. This last appointment to take effect on the 15th inst. Messrs Costello and Lungren were born in and are residents of this City. They are well recommended to me as possessing proper qualifications for Clerks in the Mint & the Director unites with me in asking your approval of these appointments.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
your Ob't Servt.

Treasurer

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 6 Sept 1853

Sir.

I herewith enclose the bond of Henry A. Lindenman as Clerk to the Director of the Mint. Mr Lindemann's nomination was approved by you on the 8th of July, but circumstances have heretofore prevented his entry upon office.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obt Servt

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. Jas. Guthrie
Sec'y Treasury
Washington.

New York 5 Sept 1853

To the Director of the U.S. Mint
Philad.a

Sir,

The owner of the Silver of the Certificate No 1464 is desirous of receiving particulars in detail of the assay viz.t

Weight before assaying
Do after Do
Fineness of the Silver
& the quantities of Brass Silver & Copper (if any) found therein, & we shall be greatly obliged by your directing these particulars to be forwarded to us.

The remain,
with great respect,
Your Obed.t Servt.
Goodhue & Co.

Before	After
1128.50	1066.—
1073.—	1087.50
2201.50	2153.50

Chicago Sept 5 1855

Director of U.S Mint

Dear Sir

We are in want of a bag of three cent peices (830 worth) for purposes of making change. We are told that you deliver them here free of charge by express for a draft on New York at par. If so if you will advise us by return mail we will send the draft at once so as to have the bag forwarded as soon as may be

Yours very Respy

Raymond & Ward

Union Bank of Cleveland
Cleveland 15th Sept 1853.

Dr.

I have this day received your favr of 3d Inst.
& you can rest assured that your request
"for some time to come" shall receive my best
Efforts. I have this day given an order on you
to J. M. Fenton Esqr Cashier for the Five Thousand
Dollars, Drawn by you for account of this Bank.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt

L. Hickox
Cashier

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia [illegible]

Sir

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 2d inst
& so much thereof as relates to the practicability of
speedy settlement of accounts with the Master Workers
and Melters & Refiners, I beg to make the following reply.

In the Melter & Refiners department, the rendering
up of the bullion in his hands, preparatory to a settle-
ment involves an entire suspension of his operations for
some weeks, and to that extent the means of the Mint
for payment of deposits are diminished. Of late years
it has, consequently, been with the greatest difficulty
that opportunity has been found for such settle-
ments as the law requires; and it would be quite
impossible, however desirable, to make these settle-
ments quarterly without such assistance from the
Treasury as would enable us to pay all arrearages
which might accumulate through our suspension.

In the Chief Coiners department the difficulties
are much less, and although it would be in-
convenient to require him to deliver up, more frequently
than at present the bullion in his hands,
for the purpose his operations would not be delayed
to any serious extent in consequence.

With regard to the present frequency of [illegible]

settlements, I have to state that in the various departments they have been for many years past, made on the 31st December in each year. In the Military Expenses department they were formerly, and until the 31st December 1852, made annually on the same date. Since then the following settlements have been made, viz. June 30, 1853, 31st Dec. 1853, & Feb. 11, 1853. A new one, that a settlement is always made on the 31st March for new Clerks & Writers.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your obt. Servt.

Saml Rob. Saunders.
Accountant

The Right Honble
The Secretary of State
for War
&c &c &c

Steam Frigate Newport
4th Sept 1858.

Hon J. Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Phila

Sir.

I expect to be in New York
on the 9th. If you have occasion to
address me, and wish me to call on the Cashr
of Messrs Baring & Co 47 Wall St, it will
reach [illegible] respectfully
Your
Obt Servt
Jos. R. Curtis

Mint of the United States.
Philada Sept. 3. 1853.

Sir,

I have to request your attention to my letter of the 27th ult. in reference to the employment of an additional clerk in the Treasurer's office. I bring the subject now to your notice at the suggestion of Dr. Mercer who informs me that he had some conversation with you respecting it.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your ob. Servt.

James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States
Phila.a 2 Sept 1853

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of yesterday, and hasten to say in reply that the Clerks for the New Orleans Mint had not been nominated to me by the Treasr, & herewith enclose his letter & reply, which I trust will answer the purpose of an official nomination.

You request, in order that the accumulation of silver at the New Orleans Mint should be avoided, that I shall desire the discontinuance of bras per drafts in exchange therefor: permit me to suggest that such a course would still leave the Treasr under instructions to purchase silver with gold coin, according to the published offer to the public, and that the offer to coin for sale would still be continued. I presume, too, that if his gold funds for that purchase should be exhausted he would expect, or at least the public would expect, that they should be replenished by the Govt. Under the circumstances it seems to me that if the entire suspension of purchases is desirable that notice should be given to that effect, rather than confine the notice to purchases payable in Treasury Drafts. I shall postpone writing to the Superintendent till I hear your views on this subject.

Hon Jas. Guthrie
Secy of the Treasy
Washington.

I have the Honor to be
with great respect, yr. Ob. Servt
James Pollock
Director.

Treasury Department
Septr 2nd 1833

Sir;

I have duly received your letter of the 27th ultimo stating the necessity for the employment of an additional Clerk in the Mint, and calling my attention to your former letter upon the subject of the appointment of such Clerks.

Upon consideration of the Act of 18th January 1837 and the resolution of the 3d March 1841, I am of opinion that, the nomination of Clerks in the Mint, other than the Treasurer's Office, resides in the Director, and of those in the Treasurer's Office, in the Treasurer.

I conclude from the duties of the proposed Clerk, stated by you, that the nomination is in the Director, and if you will name a suitable and competent person and state the compensation which it will be proper to pay him, the subject will be promptly attended to.

I regret to learn that the accounts of the Mint are in arrear, and trust you will so that they are brought up, as soon as may be, and not allowed again to be behind hand.

Will you be pleased to inform

no how often, annually, hereto fore the settlement
of accounts contemplated by the 23 Section of the
Act of 18 January 1837, has been made, and what
was the time of the last settlement; and further
what inconvenience, delay or expense would arise
from such settlement being made quarterly.

I am Very Respectfully

James Guthrie

Secy. of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 12 Aug. 1853.

Sir,

Under the 8th section of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837, which was in continuance of former laws, the power of appointing clerks in the Mint was vested in the Director; and at the Branch Mints, by the 7th section of the Branch Mint Act of Mar. 3, 1835, the same power as to the appointments was vested in the Superintendents.

These laws continued in force until March 3, 1851, when a joint resolution was passed of which I enclose a copy. It is very obscure in its language, but it appears to have been assumed that the Treasurers at this Mint as well as at the Branch Mints were thereby empowered to appoint their own clerks to the exclusion of the Director & ~~Treasurer~~ Superintendent respectively. Accordingly the Department has on two occasions received nominations under this act from the Treasurer of this Mint, and no objection has been made by it or by the Director.

On examining the act, however, although it is very certain that the power of appointment is taken away from the Superintendents of the Branches, yet it may be doubted, I think, if the Director does not still retain his former power in regard to appointments at this Mint.

The resolution, you may observe, declares "that so much of the second section of the Act of March 3d 1835, entitled 'an Act to establish Branches of the Mint of the U.S.' as vests the appointments of the clerks of the Treasurer in the Superintendent of each Mint, be and the same is hereby repealed."

The preamble and the subsequent language of the law

appear, nevertheless [illegible] authority of appointing clerks to all the Treasurers of the Mints, principal as well as Branch Mints. But inasmuch as the repealing clause is definitely confined to the act relating to the Branch Mints, and as the legislative intention appears only to have had reference to such Branches, it may be that the general language of other parts of the act should have a restrictive interpretation conformity it to the intention expressed in the repealing clause.

I have to [illegible] inform me, what, in your judgment, are the powers of the Director of the Mint in reference to the appointment of clerks to the Treasurer

I may add that I have been informed that the Resolution to which I have called your notice was brought forward and passed in consequence of some difficulty between the [illegible] Treasurer at the New Orleans Branch Mint; a fact which, if true, seems to add to the probability that the restriction was not designed to apply to the Director.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your obt Servt

Hon. Jas. Guthrie
Sec. of Treasury
Washington.

James R. Snowden.
Director.

Rec'd Balto. Sept 3

UNION BANK OF MARYLAND,

Baltimore, 2 Sept 1853

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Dr Sir

I have forwarded this day per Adams & Co. Express $10.000. in Gold Coin to be exchanged for dollar gold $'s as soon as you conveniently can as we are very much in want of them.

Very Respectfully

R. Mickle & Co

per Ch. Williamson

Rec'd Sept 15
Ans'd 20

Smooth Coin, base on nominal
Cost, Cost determ. on weight
clipping $1.00 Cost paid.

Richmond, Sept. 1853

Director of U. S. Mint Phila

Sir:—

Having in our possession
about $30 worth of smooth coin and bullion, we
have taken the liberty of writing to you in regard
to the same. We wish to ascertain if it would be
expedient to send it to the Mint for recoinage, and
if so, in what manner. If it does not trespass too
much on your valuable time, please favor us with
an early answer, and oblige

Yrs. very respectfully
Adams & Co
Bankers Box 727

Treasury Department

Sept 1 1849

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 26th ultimo, upon the subject of the authority given you by me, to receive certain models to be [illegible] at the Mint, partly for exhibition at the Agricultural Palace in New York and partly for the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association at Boston. I fully agree with you, that it is injudicious and even improper to permit the machinery and the time of the officers of the Mint to be employed in work for the use and profit of individuals. and should any application of this kind be made to me, the objections that properly apply to such a practice are not likely to be overlooked: but

the applications on hand, do not appear to me to fall within the objections stated. they are for purposes of national and public interest and not for any private advantage or profit. Further reasons I request that the work may be done in manner stated.

Sanford Cox

Chief of the Survey

J. R. Snowden Esqr

Surveyor of the

Work &c

Burlington Vt Sept 1. 1853

Treasurer of the Mint U. S.
Philadelphia

Dear Sir—

I enclose you C. F. Warner, Cashier's draft, for thirty dollars for which please send me by Express amount of same, in "three cent pieces", and very much oblige yours Obt Servt

Wm H. Root

Washington August 31. 1853

Dear Sir,

This will be handed you by Captain Bowman, now attached to this Department whom I desire to examine the Mint building at Philadelphia, and to be put in possession of all the operations thereof, and the requirements for the assay and refining office about to be established in New York, and the necessary machinery and space for the Steam Engine, and the plans you have prepared for the same. He goes from hence to New York, to examine the site obtained in that City, for the assay and refining office, and to report a plan for the same.

I hope you will give Captain Bowman, all the desired information, as much in detail as he may wish.

Respectfully

James Guthrie

A. K. Showden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philada

U. S. Mauch Mint
New Orleans. October 11th 1853.

Sir.

Enclosed is the Statement of the Condition of the Mauch Mint at New Orleans at the close of the week ending 8th October 1853.

Very respectfully your obt. Servt.

Chs. Bienvenu
Supt.

Statement showing the amount of Silver purchased and deposited under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1853 relating to Silver Coinage, and the Coinage of Silver during same period.

Silver.

	Deposits & purchases	Coinage
April 1853.	2,550,000	419,007.
May "	1,447,000	610,004
June "	680,000	650,000
July "	611,000	710,000
August "	[illegible]	830,000
Sept. "	320,00	1,250,000
Totals	$6,118,000	$4,489,011
Coinage	4,489,011	
Difference in favor of Coinage	1,628,989	

Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia,
Oct. 31st 1853.
E. R. Sergeant
Director

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Lorain Bank in
Elyria O. Ohio
Lorain County

E. G. Dale Esq.
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

October 1 1853

Dear Sir I have this day transmitted per Express, to your address Six Boxes old Silver Coin, as follows:

No 1	containing	in dollars	100	1.000
2	"	in Half Dollars	200	1.000
3	"	do	do	1.000
4	"	do	do	1.000
5	"	do	do	1.000
6	"	1075 Fine Francs Pieces	999.75	1.000
		1 Quarter Dollar	25	
				$6.000

With Schedule as above accompanying the Boxes & Express we desire to receive for same Six thousand Dollars in New Silver Coin, Halves & Quarters to be remitted to my address by Express, also your Draft on New York City for Balance

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
J. R. Finn
Cashier

3751.50 6233.31

(Per Mail) Rec'd Oct 15

Recd 30 Nov
& Ans'd Dec 1st

1787

Lorain Bank &c
Elyria Ohio
25 Nov 1853

Treas'r U States
Philadelphia

Sir

On 1st Oct 1853 I addressed you per Express with Fifty boxes Silver Coin (old) containing $6000 per Counter — On 6th Oct Messrs Livingston & Co addressed me in reply stating Amt of Proceeds $6233.31 & remitting me a draft on New York for ——— 2233.00
leaving due us ——— $4000.
& stating that it might be some weeks before the new Silver Coin ($4000) would be ready for us — As nearly two Months has elapsed I conclude it must now be ready — in which Case please forward the Amount in Halves & Quarters per Express to my address and oblige —

Your very Obt Servt
J. R. Finn
Cash.

N.B — In case the Coin is not ready will you please advise me how soon it will (probably) be ready — F. C.

Phil Dec 5th 1833

Mr Rogers

Dear Sir

I regret that I have the enclosed letter to bring but pressing business is my plea. The speculation to which this letter refers was managed by a deputy of mine during my absence having to leave the city unexpectedly. I had no thought but that the whole arrangement had been made but he being not fully posted in the matter was guided by your letter of instructions & at the terms and it was not until after I would be that we discovered an error of $100 in our favor accounts when we immediately forwarded the amount

Yours Resp

Wm Swain

See letter

Mint of the United States.
Phila.a Sept. Oct. 1, 1853.

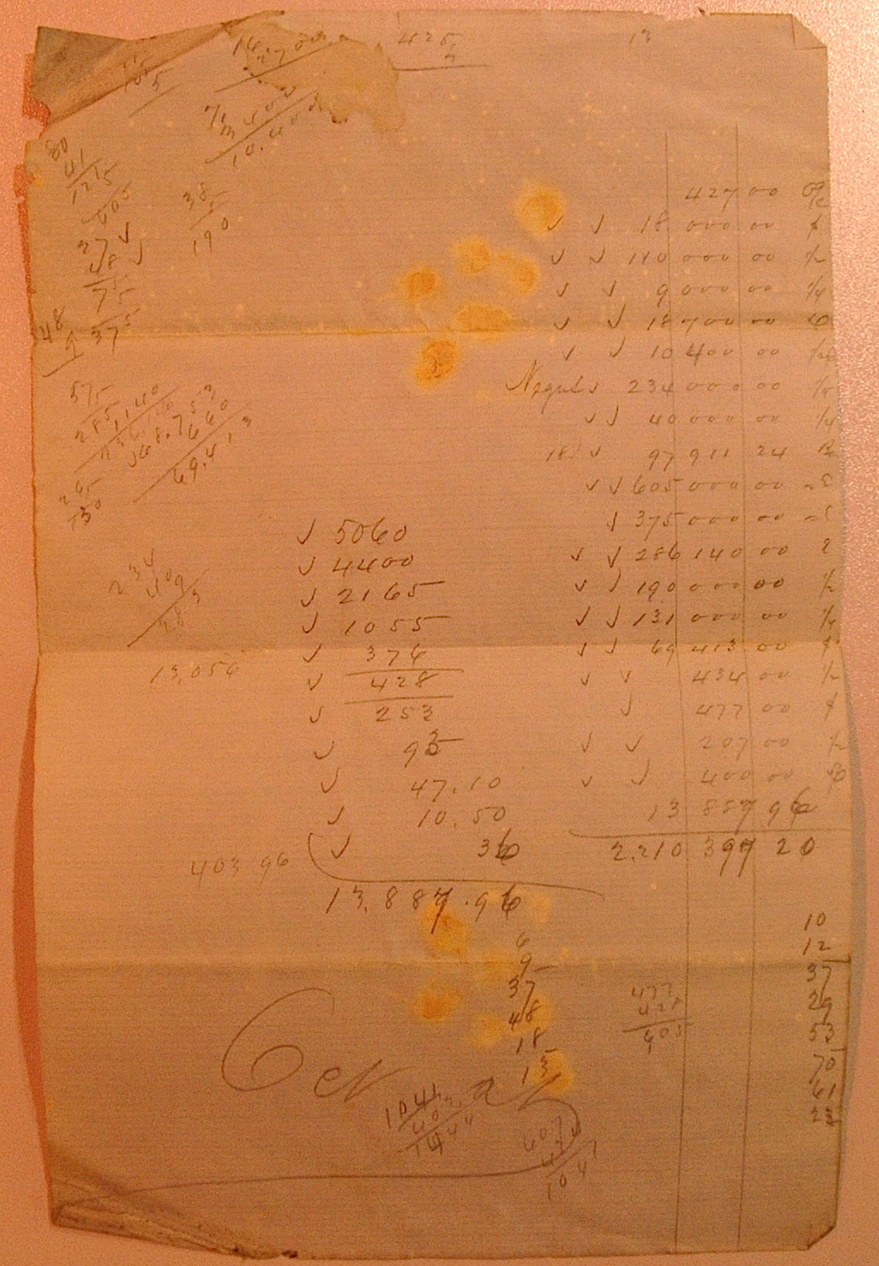
Sir,

I stated in my letter of 4th ult: that I would send you a statement of the details of the arrangement made for the supply of acids for the Branch Mint at San Francisco. I now enclose copies of my Correspondence with Messrs Mosher and Landis as they show the terms of our agreement.

I have to state that Messrs Mosher and Landis have shipped to day by the Steamer from New York the acids they were to supply.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
your Obt. Servant,

Hon. James Guthrie. James Ross Snowden
Sec. of the Treasury Director.
Washington City.



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Mint of the United States
Philada. Oct 4, 1853

Sir,

On, or about the 15th inst I will be able to announce to the public that silver Coins will be handed out at the Mint in exchange for gold coins in accordance with the 4th Sect. of the act of March 3. 1853. Mint Laws 58.

Upon preparing for your examination and approval the Regulations for the transmission of Silver Coins, I have to request that you will furnish me with a list of "the Ministers, Secretary, Departments and other Officers" whom it is intended to supply. If you have made an arrangement with Messrs Adams & Co for transportation, the Silver I must be glad to be informed of the Cost.

The supply of Silver has very rapidly fallen off; the cause is last from the fact that the prices of Silver are lowered in London; the recent advices have however that it has slightly declined and I think our purchases will increase. But if that should not be the case, we will be under the necessity of increasing

one price in terms of the existing laws which seem to require that the government should supply a limited coinage. I hope however that an increased power may not be necessary. I have the honor to be

D. M.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
S. R. Curtis

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treas.
Washington City

Denominations & Amts of Gold & Silver Coin in Circulation Dec 23. 1853

Gold

Double Eagles	$ 1115.000.00
Eagles	278.440.00
Half Eos	191. 825.00
Quarter Eos	131. 845.00
Gold Dollars	1.000.00
Cents in Circ	21. 1174.50
	$ 1.067.284.50
Gold in Bars	118. 124.45
	$ 1,185.408.95

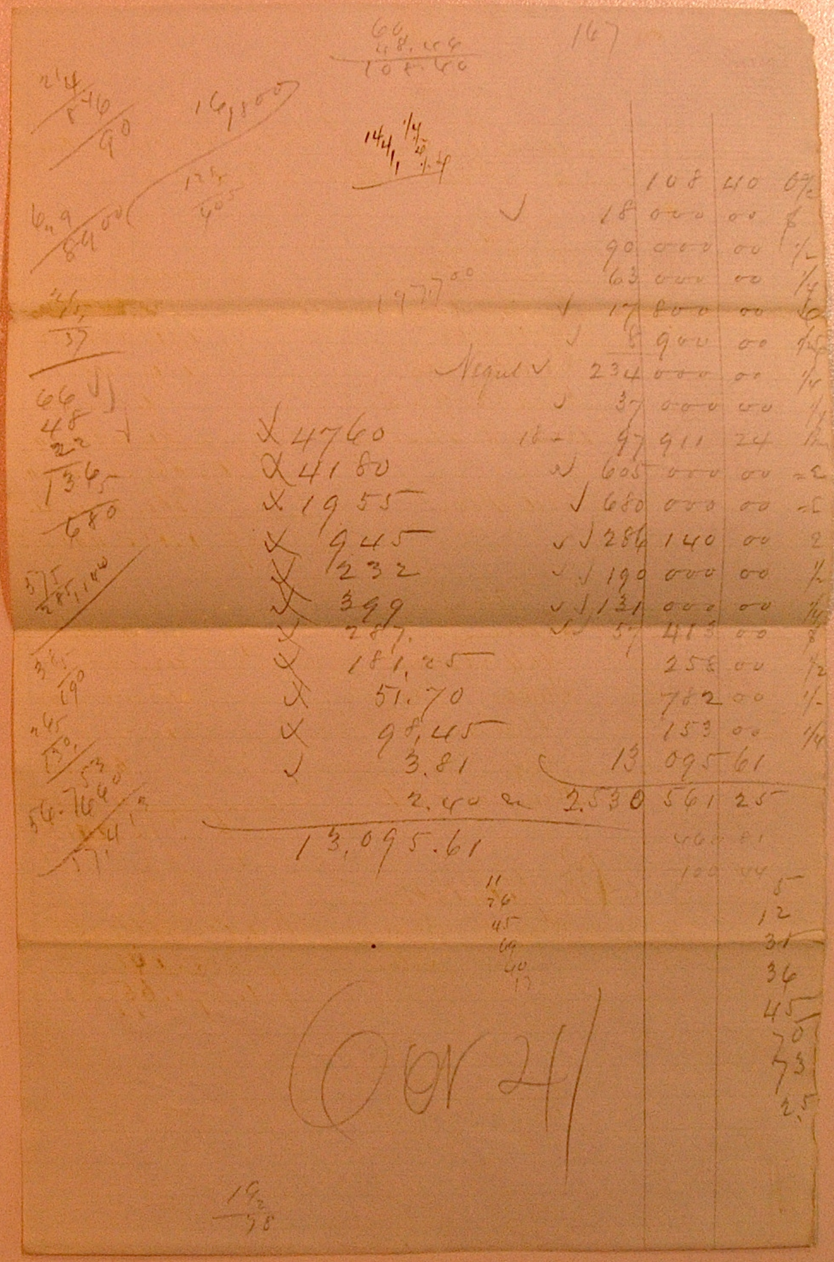
Silver

Dollars	$ 20. 1124.00
Half Dollars	42.000.00
Quarter Eos	303.000.00
Dimes	13.700.00
Half Eos	5.680.00
Cents in Circ	444.57
	$ 385.241.57

Recapitulation

Amt in Gold	$ 1.185.408.95
" " Silver	385.248.57
	$ 1.570.657.52

Coin 41



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8.90
4.24
13,379.24

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694.16

Or 31

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Treasury US.
3d October 1853

Sir,

I have this day issued the
following Transfer drafts on you, viz.

9.15	No 452	in favor of Depy:	Pittsburg Pa.	$ 20,000
5.	453	"	Cincinnati Ohio	20 000
	454	"	Jeffersonville Ind.	20 000

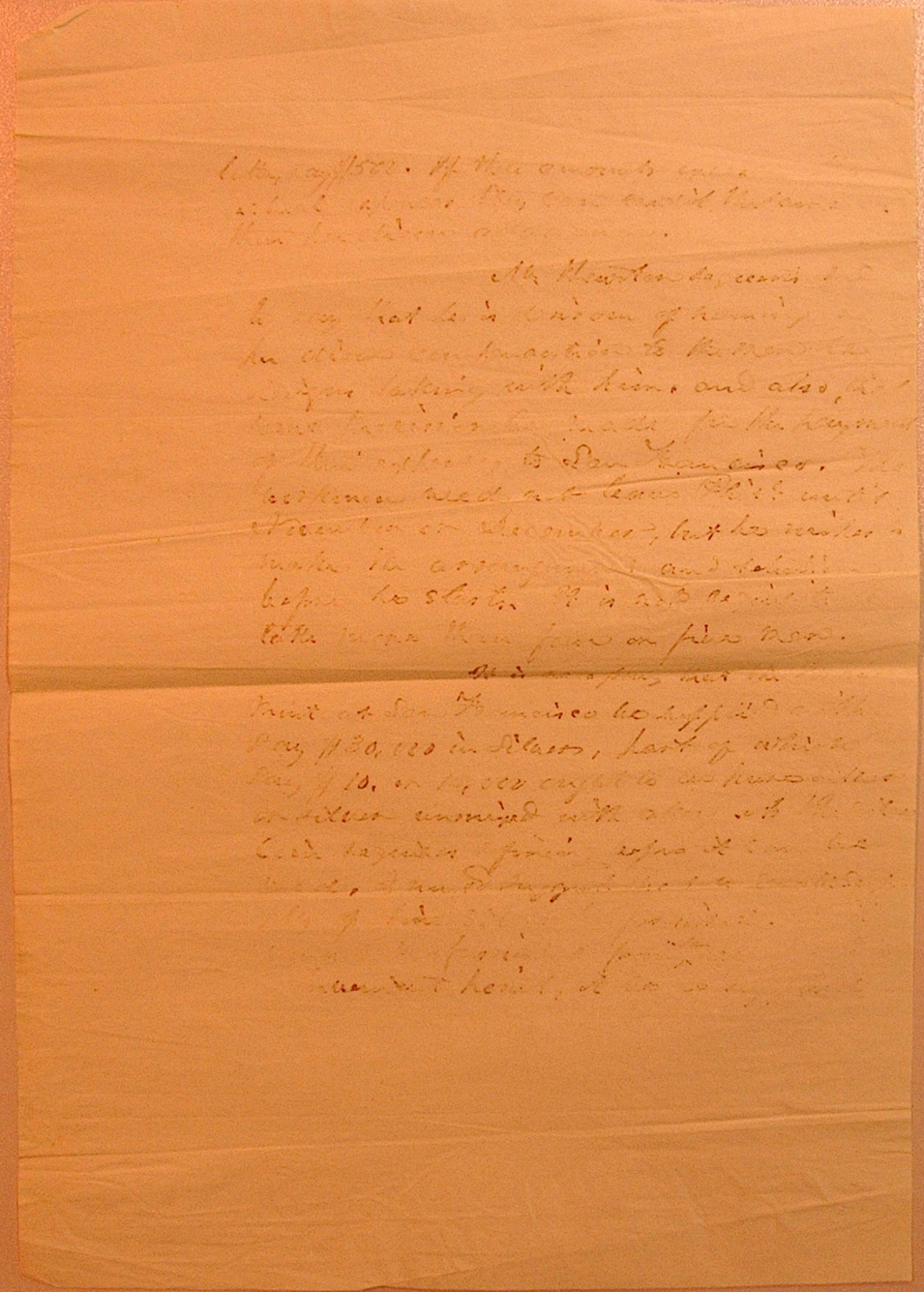
Very respectfully
Yr. obed. svt
Fran. Casey
Treasr. US.

Treasurer US. Mint
Philad.

Mint of the United States,
Philada Oct. 1, 1853.

Sir,

I have to state that it is the intention of Messrs Newton and Eckfeldt to start out for San Francisco on the 20th inst. They wish to leave Phila. about the 16th and sail from New York on the day above stated. In order that Mr. Eckfeldt may be properly informed of the agreement between Mr. Curtis and the government, I have to request that you will send me a full copy of the agreement and specifications. That which relates to the silver coinage & copying of gold I will supply him with. I would be glad also if you could give me such instructions on the subject as you may think advisable. Messrs Newton and Eckfeldt are desirous of being supplied with some money, and have requested me to call your attention to it. To the former it might be well to give, say $700. to



[illegible] Mail. It may be published in California as soon as the Convention locality.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
your obt. svt.
James Reynolds
Governor

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

(CIRCULAR.)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

REGISTER'S OFFICE,

August 1853

SIR:

I have the honor to request, that, as soon as practicable after the 30th September next, you will transmit to this Office, a list of the officers employed ~~during the year~~ on, that day ~~ending~~ in your Office, stating the amount of compensation allowed to each officer; the State or Country in which he was born; where employed, and the State or Territory from which appointed.

This information is required for the Biennial Register, in compliance with Resolutions of Congress of April 27th, 1816, and July 14th, 1832, and Act of March 3d, 1851.

As the printing cannot be executed until the information is received, promptness is requested.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

F. BIGGER,

Register.

James Ross Snowden Director 3,500. born in Penn.
Daniel Sturgeon " Treasurer 2,000 " " Penn.
Franklin Peale " Chief Coiner 2,000. " " Penn.
James C. Booth " Melter & Refiner 2,000. " Penn.
Jacob R. Eckfeldt " Assayer 2,000 " Penn.
J. B. Longacre " Engraver 2,000 " Penn.
Wm. E. DuBois " Assistant Assayer 1500. Penn.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Oct. 5. 1858.

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause a warrant to be issued in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for the sum of thirty three thousand nine hundred and twenty five dollars payable out of the appropriation for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st of July last, it being for the Quarter year ending on the 30th of Sept. viz:

Salaries of officers and clerks $5550.—
Wages of workmen 15,000.—
Incidental and Contingent expenses 13,375.—
Amount $33,925.—

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your ob.t Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. Howell Cobb
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

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Chrishin Bank
Keene N.H. Oct. 5. 1853

Director of the Mint

Sir —

Will you oblige me by saying at what time, and at what time, an apartment of new change can be furnished to this Bank? — Say 1000 $ —

Respectfully
L. Newell Cr

20 Lbs 1/2 One oz ground liquorice
40 1/4 Small gum & Blood root
30 Senna a small qua of Camphor
10. 1/2 Confectioners Sugar & Pinkroot Boiling water
100

US Mint.
Office of Melter & Refr

Philada 6 Oct. 1853

Dear Sir

Permit me to refer you to a letter addressed by me to Dr Eckert, a late Director of the Mint, in relation to the position occupied by Mr John H Taylor in my Department. The letter is dated Dec. 24. 1852, & the letters of Dr Eckert to the Treasy Dept are dated Dec. 28. 1852 and Jan. 11. 1853.

When I assumed the duties of my Office in Dec. 1849 the late Mr Reynolds was urged upon me as an Assistant on the ground of the duties of my Office requiring it. Upon the representation by the Officers of the Mint of the uselessness of such an appointment, I declined acceding to the request of Mr R's friend, Mr R.J. McCulloh; the Director however promised that if after a sufficient trial I found that the duties of my office req[d] it, he would endeavour to obtain the appointment of one. The increase of business from the rapid influx of California gold rendered some assistance in my Dept necessary, which was granted by the appointment of Mr Taylor with the pay of Foreman. Since that period Mr T. has occupied such a position. When the business still further increased, it became necessary that I should devolve upon him an equal amount of res-

possibility with myself, because I could barely find time to do more than hold a supervision of the whole Dept. His position is therefore anomalous, and very unsatisfactory, for while he has the same responsible charge of bullion as myself, he is not legally responsible to any extent whatever. Upon my representation of the case to Dr Eckert, he saw the justice of my request, & wrote the letters to the Dept urging the propriety of the appointment of an Assistant. The late Govt being about to leave did not act in the matter, althe' they designed & promised to do so. The ill health of Judge Pettit & his short residence amongst us prevented my urging the subject to his consideration. I have now waited until you have disposed of the many subjects preping upon you after your induction into office, before broaching the subject to you, & soliciting your action as an act of justice to myself & I may add to Mr Taylor himself.

In addition to the reasons urged in my letter to Dr Eckert, I may state that it is with great anxiety that I ever leave the Mint for a day, because I have no one legally authorised to represent me; & that I often feel great hesitation in asking Mr Taylor to perform services, which only belong to an assistant, while he is only recognised as a workmen. I refer you also to the original Mint law, which contemplated the appointment of Assistants to the several offices, when the busines should require it. I believe that the C. Coiner & Assayer recommended at the same time the appointment of an Assistant in their departments, but I doubt much whether the C.C. would ask it now, & I fel confident that the Assayer would not.

For the abilities & qualifications of Mr Taylor, as well as for the faithful performance of his own & of my duties during the last 3 years, I refer you to Mr R. Patterson. I may add in conclusion that Mr T is a well known Democrat of this city & his father has been for a long period an influential man in the Party. The latter is well known to Genl R. Patterson.

Very truly yours
Jas H Booth

Jas Ross Snowden Esq
Director
U. S. Mint

Treasury Department
Octo 6 1853

Sir

The Treasurer U.S. has this day issued a draft for $500. on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of Wm L H Davis, Gov of Oregon. Gov. Davis will be in Phila to present this draft in a few days, and in the mean while will be obliged to you to prepare the amt for him in Silver change. Say Pieces of 25 10 & 5 cents. He designs to take it with him to Oregon & hopes you will put it up in such form as will be convenient for transportation.

Yours Respy
James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasy

J. R. Snowden Esqr
Director of the
Mint Phila

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Oct. 6, 1853.

After the Silver ingots now made or in process of Coinage are disposed of, it is hereby directed that the Silver Pieces shall be Coined as near as may be, in the following proportions.

Half Dollars	20	per Centum
Quarters	40.	" "
Dimes	30	" "
½ "	10.	" "

James Ross Snowden
Director

Mint of the United States
Philada Oct 6th 1853.

Sir

After the Silver ingots now made or in progress of coinage are disposed of, it is hereby directed that the Silver bullion shall be coined as near as may be in the following proportions.

Half dollars	20	per centum	
Quarters	" 40	"	"
Dimes	30	"	"
½ "	10	"	"

Robt. J. Walker
Secretary
Melbourne
U.S. Mint

3480
45 40
1015
970
145
687
349.50
208.00
38.30
94.30
2.71
4.90 m
11.154 71
346.66
10.788 05 Credit Memo

2.516.01 5.21

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420
960

Mint of the United States,
Phila. Oct. 6. 1853.

Dear Sir,

Prof. Booth has written and referred his letter to Capt. Bowman on a subject of some importance connected with the Assay office at New York, and has had no reply. I may therefore send to inform Mr. Walton Capt. Bowman is in New York and if so to call his attention to Prof. Booth's letter.

I am very Respectfully
your Obt. Servt
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. G. T. Bronson
Collector of the Port of
New York

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia June 30th 1798.

To the chief Coiner of the Mint

Deliver to the Treasurer One
Hundred and twenty five Thousand Seven hundred
and Sixty seven 50/100 ounces troy of Copper Coins and
debit him with Three Thousand Six hundred and
Sixty seven Dollars 50/100

Treasury of the US.
7 October 1853

Sir,

I hand you herewith the following Transfer drafts on you, viz

Nr 455	in favor of	Supt Mint US	Norfolk	$3200.
456	"	Supt Mint US	Boston	2000.
457	"	Supt Mint US	Charleston	1000.
458	"	Depy	Baltimore	2000.
459	"	Depy	Savannah	1000.
460	"	Depy	Pittsburg Pa	3000.

issued to cover deposites heretofore made by you with the several parties in whose favor they are drawn on which you will please obtain an acknowledgement of the same, & then transmit them to this Office, using them as vouchers in your account with this Office.

Very respectfully
Your obdt Svt
Fran Casey
Treas US

Treasurer US. Mint
Philad.

Norfolk 1000
Boston 1200
Charleston 2000
4200

104.71

97.911.24
64.534.74
31.376.50

15.661.13

Washington D.C. Oct: 7th. 1853.

Sir.

Having been informed that you invite artists to produce designs for new coin, permit me to beg the favor of instructions in regard to the same.

I am an ornamental designer and draughtsman, have designed considerably and successfully in metal-work,- Seals, medals, swords, &c. &c. and flatter myself on being able to produce something which may be appropriate and pleasing.

If I shall make designs for the coin, what restrictions, in regard to size,- may the drawing, for instance, be double the size of the silver dollar?

I am Sir,

With great respect,

Your very obedient servant

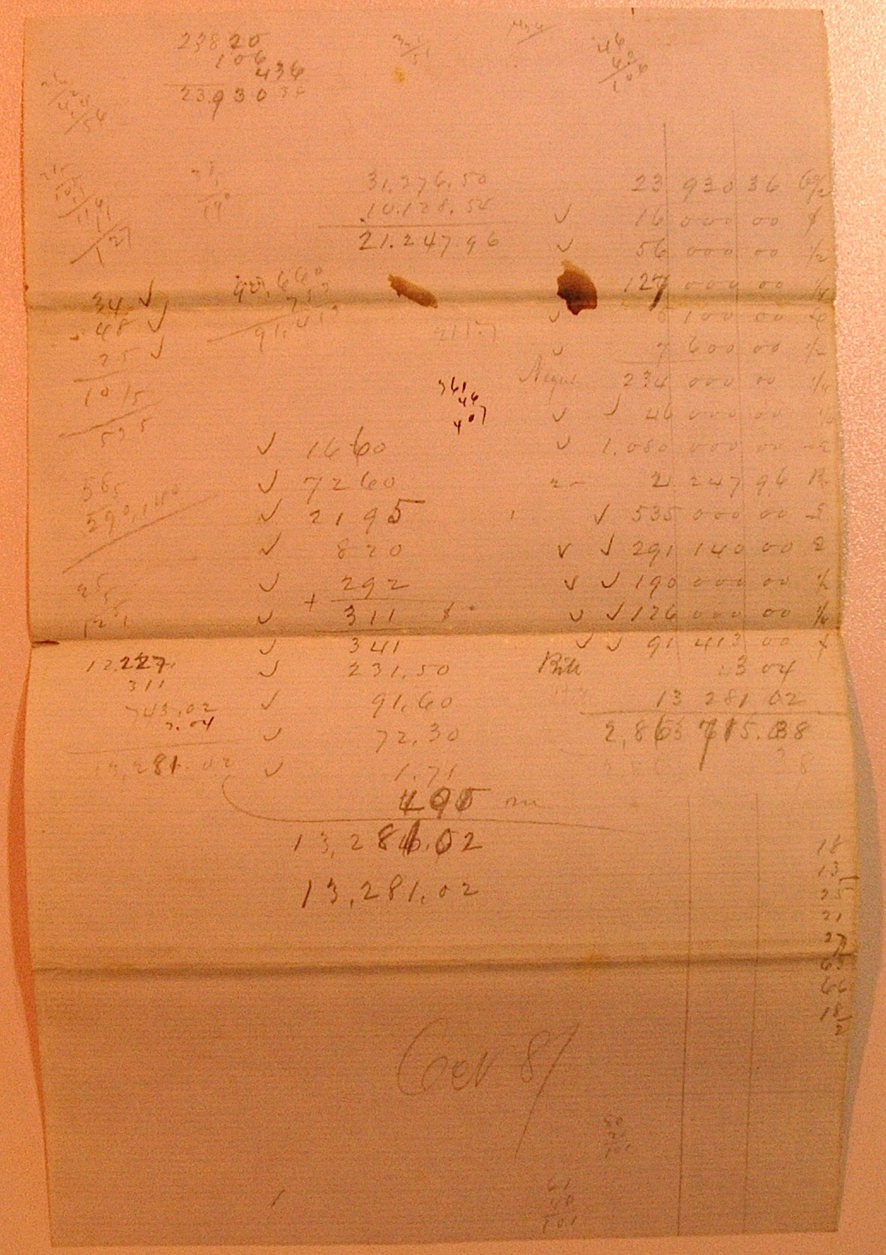
E. Goldsborough Bruff

To the

Director Mint Mint

Philadelphia

Oct 8/ Answd by desird Copy of Circular Stated time exp. but will be glad to receive any sketch will return with my opinion. size not material



Mint of the United States.
Phila. Oct 5. 1855.

Sir,

I enclose a statement showing the receipts and payment of Coins during the week ending to day, and showing the amount in the Treasury of the Mint.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your Obt. Servt.
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States
Philada, Oct 8th 1833.

I wrote to you on Thursday or Friday last, but as I directed
to the Steamboat as per direction you may not have
received it.

131 Nassau St

New York Oct 8th 1853.

Hon Dan'l Sturgis

Dear Sir,

Mr A H Boyle of this City recently started a half cent paper, to sell which he was obliged to procure half cent Coins for change, I advanced him the money to buy said Coins, and ordered them from time to time from the Mint at Phila, The paper is dead & he will want no more Coins.

I have on hand, which Boyle has failed to buy, an unopened Keg of $50. worth, Will the Mint take them from me & give me par in other funds? I return them at my own charges!

Please reply as early as may be convenient and much oblige Your Ob't Servant

Nelson Sizer

Lawrence Oct. 8. 1833.

D. Stimpson Esq.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 6th inst. came safely, inclosing check on New York, for Nineteen hundred & fifteen dollars, in settlement of our invoice of plaids, July 25th. (No. 5) - We are.

Yours. Very Respectfully.

Boott Bros. & Co.

Treasury Department,
Comptrollers Office,
Octo 8th 1852.

Edward C Dale Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir

Your Account of Gold and Silver Bullion, Commencing the first day of January and ending the 31st of March 1852, has been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance of $5.969.784.47 found to be due from you to the United States, which Consists as follows: Viz:

Gold Bullion	Ozs 195.092.671.	$ 3.829.630.33
Silver Bullion	457.922.960.	$ 509 582.97
Gold Coinage (including $6.187 Assay Coin)		$ 1.602.574.77
Silver Coinage (" 25.$\frac{50}{100}$ " ")		$ 227.996.38
Bal due the United States		$ 5.969.784 47

This balance agrees with your Account with the exception of the Gold Coinage Account - the amount due the United States according to your Statement is $ 1600.634.65. instead of $ 1.602.574.77 - making

a difference of $ 1938 12 being the amount paid
by you to S H Cloff in error which is directed.

Very Respectfully
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller

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6910
3310
802.50
251.00
190.00
333.50
211.50
87.60
71.00
1.39
9.80

16,577.49

Cer 10

Bal on hand Spring Acct
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Lights 5.000.00

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1/2

Leopard Rum
16.834.

Last to Leopard
/15.000

To the Director U.S. Mint—Oct. 10th 1853.

Dear Sir Mr. John T. Hustler, (whose family I have attended professionally, for a number of years) has been afflicted for several weeks past, with a complaint, which affects his whole nervous system, and which, seems to disqualify him for any laborious employment, and he will require sometime to recover strength. His opinion is corroborated, by my friend Dr. Hustead, who visited him in my absence from town, when he was taken bad.

Yrs. with much respect & esteem,

J. H. Hughes, M.D.

Treasury Department
Octo 10 1813.

Sir

Your letter of the 20th ultimo was duly received, accompanied by the estimate which requested you to furnish, of the smiths apparatus and implements, and materials required in the various branches of the Navy office to be established in New York. The Building for the Navy Office in New York has been commenced: the utmost exertions will be made to hasten the completion: and there is a reasonable expectation that it will be finished by the 1st February. The apparatus & implements as which it will need, and which is much made in Philadelphia and under your supervision and direction, should be ready by that day.

I have therefore to request that you will proceed to have the articles mentioned in the estimates, with the exception of "practicable" [illegible]

So as have them ready by the day named.

There is no engine mentioned in the
estimate and it is not intended to
include an engine in this instance, but
to provide one in New York. Neither is
there a press mentioned; and I take occa-
sion to ask, if a press is not necessary
for stamping mpts &c. and if it is to
request that you will also have one pre-
pared

Respy
James Arthur
Secy of the Treasy

J. R. Snowden Esqr
Director of the Mint
Phila

Mint of the United States.
Phila. Octr. 10. 1853.

Sir,

I beg to call your attention to my letter of the 1st inst. The prs Hewston and Eckfeldt are anxious that I should be prepared to make arrangements for their departure to San Francisco from New York on the 20th inst.

I would also be pleased to hear from you in reply to my letter of the 4th inst relative to the distribution of silver coins.

I have the honord to be,
very Respectfully
your Obt. Servt
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Custom House, Baltimore.

Depy [illegible] Collectors Office, Oct 13th 1852

Sir:

I have this Day placed in the hands of Messrs Adams & Co for collection & your office the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, in Gold which I would think you be good enough to cause to be returned to this office in Copper Coin as soon as convenient.

We are guilty in behalf of Lincoln silver change particularly half Dimes. If it is possible for the Mint to supply us with a small amount (say $500 or $1000) of this Denomination for Gold and you will be kind enough as to advise me, I shall be glad to avail myself of such an opportunity to procure them.

We have a pretty fair supply of Dimes and quarters in hands at present, and unless we can procure the half Dimes we shall be compelled to pursue the course which we have been pursuing for some time by paying out Scrip from this office.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant

Philip F. Thomas
Coll't & Depositary -

S.J.
The Treasurer of the
U.S. Mint,
Philada

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

Oct. 11th 1853.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
S. CASEY,
Treasurer of the United States.

J. Rose Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank, or other Institution.

Washington City D. C.
Corner of 7th and Fa. Aven.

October 11th 1853

To the Director of the
United States Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

I send you herewith per Adams and Co's Express sixty six dollars, of American old Coinage, weighing about sixty ounces, which I propose to sell to you, at your advertised rate, viz $1.21 per ounce

You can pay me in Gold coin altogether, if convenient, which you will please to forward to me here per Adams and Co Express

I am Sir
your Obedient Sert.
Thomas B. Delany.

55.80 oz = $67.51

55.80 oz Troy = 61.21 oz. avoir.

Mint of the United States
Phila.a Oct. 11, 1843.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of yesterday, I have to state that I will take measures to procure the construction of the apparatus and implements for the Assay Office at New York by the 1st of February next in compliance

There are many difficulties in the way of using a press in stamping bars. The bars cannot be of a separate number of fineness, weight and value. The practice which has prevailed at this Mint is to stamp them by hand, as is done in the French and British Mints. It might be well to impress the stamps by the operation of the Eagle or some other device. I would suggest the Eagle and if you approve of it I will have a stamp of this kind prepared. Our present [illegible] to have the [illegible] to be made [illegible] Counter Seal for the [illegible] at New York &c.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your Obed't
Sam'l Rh'd Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treas'y
Washington City.

In relation to the construction of the apparatus & implements for the Assay Office at York.

In relation to the apparatus & implements for the Assay Office at Ripon and to the Stamping of Bars.

Coinage

Sold
Number of Pieces
Double Eagles
Eagles
Half "
Quarter "
Dollars "

Value

Plymouth

T. Langton Dickens
Esq. of the Treasury
Phila Oct 1852

15.430
3.284
106.
15.539,24

54.128,61
177.175,88
231.304,49
127.197,60
104.106,83
98.307,10

28.574,21
4.635,15
2.746,87
15.046,65
55.111,94
3.148,36
1.001,73
1.123,18
1.052,69
856,53
5.937,60
1.251,85
127.197,66

6180
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2155
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156
139
241,50
175,00
81,20
68,25
44
12,50
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43,50

GENIA

593,64
3.111,61
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1.804,521

15.539,24
12.000,00
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222,00
500,00
389,00
550,00
16.423,89
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	102	000	00	¼
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✓	500	00		¼
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✓	389	00		¼
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✓	3,12	00		¼
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	2,866	132	89	

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Treasury Department
October 11th 1853

Sir,

By the joint Resolution of Congress, approved 7th January 1846, it is made the "duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the estimates of appropriations, which he is required by law to prepare & submit to Congress, to be printed and copies of the same to be delivered to the Clerk of the House of Representatives in time for distribution at the commencement of each Session;" and by the 14th Section of the Act of 26th August 1842, it is required that the estimates shall specify as nearly as may be convenient, the sources from which such estimates are derived, and the calculations, upon which they are founded; and in so doing to discriminate between such estimates as are conjectural, and such as are framed upon actual information & application of disbursing officers, and in communicating the several estimates, reference shall be given to the several laws and treaties by which they are authorized, the dates thereof and the volume, page & section in which the necessary provisions are contained.

The second section of the Act of the 17th June 1844, also contains some explicit directions upon the subject of estimates, in the following words: "That hereafter in submitting to Congress the annual estimates from the several Executive Departments of the Government, the estimates for that the usual items of

materially in amount from the appropriation ordinarily asked for the object named, and especially from the appropriation granted for the same object for the year next preceding, and whenever new items not theretofore usual shall be introduced into such estimates for any year, the estimate shall be accompanied by minute and full explanations from the head of the appropriate Department, of all such variations and new items, setting forth the reasons and grounds upon which the amounts are required, and the different items added; and whenever any such estimate, whether annual or special, shall ask an appropriation for any new specific expenditure, such as the construction of a fort, the erection of a Custom House, or other public building, or the construction of any other public work, requiring a plan before the building or work can properly be completed, every such estimate shall be accompanied by a full plan & detailed estimate of the cost of the whole work; and all subsequent estimates for every such work shall give the original estimated cost, the aggregate amount theretofore appropriated for the same, and the amount actually expended thereupon, as well as the amount asked for the current year, for which such estimate shall be made; and whenever any subsequent estimate shall ask for an appropriation for any such work beyond the original estimate of the cost, the full reasons for the excess, and the extent of the anticipated excess, shall also be stated."

It has been the practice heretofore for the Registers of the Treasury to request the several heads of the other Departments and the Heads of Bureaus of this Dept to furnish the Estimates of expenditures expected to be required under their authority severally respectively, to enable the Secy of the Treasury to comply with the above Resolution & Law, and a few days since he addressed a circular letter to the Officers mentioned for that purpose. I presume, therefore, that the estimates required are now in the course of preparation.

Upon looking into the subject, I find that for the last few years neither the Resolution nor the Laws referred to have been complied with in the particulars cited, and from an apprehension that your attention may not, otherwise, be drawn to the subject, I take the liberty of now asking it, and earnestly requesting your co-operation, both in the matter of the time, and form of estimates, the Officers charged with making out the estimates dependent upon your authority.

The estimates for the year ending 30th June 1857 were communicated by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of 18th November 1856.

Do ending 30th June 1857 — 28th do 1856,
Do do 30th June 1853 — 24th do 1854
Do do 30th June 1854 — 7th December 1853.

The last communication was made on the very day of the meeting of Congress, and of course, was a failure to comply with the Resolutions, and I conclude the 2d & 3d were not in time to be printed except [illegible]

After the Estimates are received from the [illegible] Departments and Bureaus of this, some time is required for arranging and [illegible]ating

to afford this time, I will be greatly obliged to you, if you will transmit or cause to be transmitted, your estimates by the 1st of next month at latest.

Permit me also to call your attention to the very stringent provisions upon the subject of the Surplus Fund, contained in the 10th Section of the Act of 31st August 1852. p 99, and to suggest that if it is probable that any moneys within the purview of that section, which were appropriated prior to the 1st July 1852, will be required & yet cannot be applied prior to the 1st July next, that such moneys may be added to the estimates as proper objects of re-appropriation

I am, Very respectfully
Your Obed. Serv.
James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury

James Ryl. Snowden Esqre
Director of the Mint

Treas. Dept. Mr. James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Oct 11th 1853

Estimates for fiscal year ending
June 30th 1855

Rec'd 12th Oct 1853

Fillsburg Oct 12th 1870

My dear Colonel,

We observe that the Government sends out from time to time large quantities of the new coinage to the Custom House officers for circulation, with instructions to give some of it to Brokers, now we never ask any as we purchase all we get, but I will just take occasion to say to you, and through you to the Government, that the moment the circulation of this new coin arrives at the point of culmination it will decline in value, and will be sold for just what it is worth, and perhaps a little less. It is worth you know intrinsically about 94 cents on the dollar and is only a legal tender to the amt of five dollars, - hence when the amount of this change circulation is beyond the wants of the community it will be of no advantage as a matter of convenience, and as the surplus will not be received on deposite in the Banks it will have to be sold to the Brokers for what it will bring. The generous distribution of it by the government, so plentifully will therefore turn out ultimately injurious to the people at large, and the measure will prove a failure. The object contemplated by the government which was to keep the silver coin from being carried out of the country, could have been realized just as well by

having no coin struck at the Mint which therein exceed the value of 85 cents, it was entirely unnecessary to reduce the real value to one rate, and force it on the public at another; It would have saved the government from the odium of being a speculator on the community, and a retailer of its coins at $ 94 dollars for $ 100, in gold,

If you wish the new coin to be serviceable and kept in circulation, you should supply according to the demand, and that demand should be made at the Mint by those who are by the nature of their business acquainted with the wants of the community, and this would afford you a true criterion by which to judge of the amt necessary to be coined, Your uncalled for and gratuitous distributions will flood the channels and destroy the intent,

Yours Truly
S. Jones,

Copy

Mint of the United States
Philad.a Oct. 12. 1853.

Dear Sir,

I have to request that you will purchase at your earliest convenience a Bunsen Assay apparatus, at a cost not exceeding one hundred dollars. We expect that the Assay Office at New York will be in operation by the 1st of Feb.y next. This apparatus is intended for that office and may be marked for St. Gomez Assayer, New York Assay Office.

I will be much obliged to you if you will send me from time to time any Reports or documents which you may think would be useful to us.

I herewith send you a copy of the laws relating to the U.S. Mint, which I have recently had published.

I am, dear Sir, very Respectfully
your friend
James Ross Snowden,
Director.

R. D. W. Harkness
London

Treasury Department
Oct 12 1853

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 11th instant and in reply have to say that the stamp you propose for the use of the Assay Office, in three Ink, for stamping ingots, is approved, and you are authorized to provide it accordingly.

I am very Resp
Jas Guthrie
Secy of Treasy.

J. R. Snowden Esqr
Director of the
Mint Phila

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Spec York 10 Mo 15. 1873

Treasury of U. S.
Mint Philada

Gentlemen

We are entirely
out of cents, and respectfully solicit
an early supply on acct of Checks
Bro's &c — Our customers would be
know about what time we can
supply them — will you please
inform us about what time
then will be able to ship us some

Respectfully
Wilkes & Co

Ans.

Bank of Albion,
Albion, Orleans Co. N.Y. Oct 13. 1853.

E. C. Dale Esq.
Treasurer,

Dear Sir,

On the 29th. of last month I sent to you a box of silver coin, of which I informed you by letter, and requested you to return to me, in exchange, $800. in new American quarter Dollars, & $300. in new American Dimes, and the residue in half Dimes — Will you please to inform me on the receipt of this, whether you received the box, and if so, how soon I may expect the change in return? —

It may be that you have not on hand a large supply of Dimes, and half Dimes — If so, please to send me what you can spare, and the residue in new American quarters —

Very Respectfully yours,
R. H. Bidwell, Cash.

3/4 Sil 1/4 Gold #1131.35

1781 70 1/4 $
20 1/5
10 1/10

Treasury Department
October 15th 1863

Sir.

The Metropolitan and Mechanics Institute of Washington desire Mr Booth should be allowed to prepare for their Institution a die for their Medal.

You will allow it to be done if it does not interfere with the business of the Mint

I am, Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

James Pollock Esqr
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

New York, Oct. 15 1853.
49 Dey St.

D. Sturgeon Esq.:-

I think it proper to explain to you that my mission to Washington for more half-cent coins, at present results merely from a change in my method of getting out the "Daily Half-Cent" and is not occasioned by my having abandoned the enterprise.

Immediately it became known to the persons who were printing my paper that the supply of coins in the Mint would soon run out they refused to go on printing it, although they had one keg of coins in hand, and I assured them I could obtain a full supply at the end of a few days, and thenceforth for ever. They thought there would always be some difficulty about getting them, and therefore stopped off short; sending back without my knowledge, a keg they had in hand. I thereupon found myself compelled to raise means to buy types, and do the work myself. I have bought it, and shall commence on Tuesday next. I have already had one keg sent on to me, although addressed to another person, and shall hereafter order them regularly.

I make the above explanation, that you may know that I shall be able to use all you will want to make.

Respectfully
A. H. Boyle

Young & Dunne, Pr., Black Horse Alley.

Agents in Boston, P. SPRAGUE & Co. 7 Wharf.
Phil'adelphia, H. WINSOR, 81 So. Wharves.

$100.

C. B. & Co.

Boston.

20 Kgs.

Shipped, IN APPARENT GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION, BY U. S. Mint

in and upon the Steamship called the **CITY OF BOSTON,** whereof **FISHER** is Master, for this present voyage, or whoever else may go as Master in said Ship, now lying in the Port of PHILADELPHIA, and bound for BOSTON.

Twenty Kegs Cents, (said to contain One hundred dollars each. = $2000)

Being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in like order and condition, at the aforesaid Port of BOSTON, (dangers, either of fire or collision, and all casualties of whatever nature, incident or peculiar to Steamers, and to Steam Navigation, and also dangers of the Seas, Rivers and Harbors excepted,) with liberty to sail with or without Pilots, and to tow and assist Vessels in Distress, unto Mess. Crocker, Bro. & Co. of Dunton Mass. or assigns on [redacted] freight, with average accustomed.

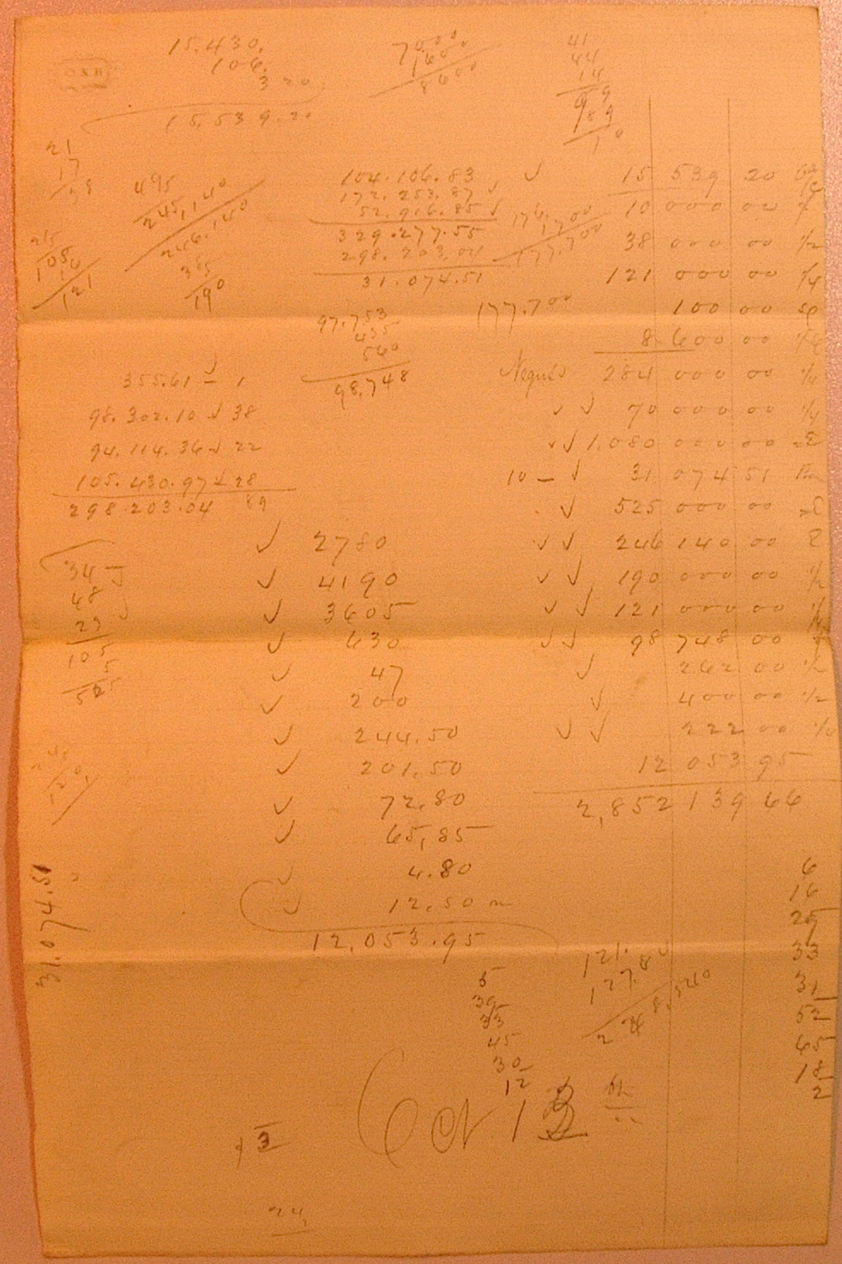
the Mint paying one per cent

☞ *Weight, contents and value unknown; not accountable for Rust, Breakage or Leakage. The Goods to be taken from alongside, by the Consignee, as soon as the vessel is ready to discharge, otherwise they will be landed and stored at his expense. It being expressly understood and agreed to by the Shipper, that all liability of the said Ship, under this Bill of Lading, ceases immediately on Landing the Goods.*

In Witness Whereof, the Agent of the said Ship hath affirmed to Three Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in Phila'a, this 13 *day of* October — 1853.

Allen Agt



Mint of the United States
Phila. Oct 10th 1833

Sir

I enclose a statement showing the receipts and payments of coins during the week ending to day and showing the denominations of the amount in the treasury of the Mint,

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obt. Serv.t
James Ross Snowden.
Director

Hon. James Gardenier
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Statement of Coinage & Payments

At the Mint of the United States for the week ending 1st 8th

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Oct. 13. 1853.

Sir,

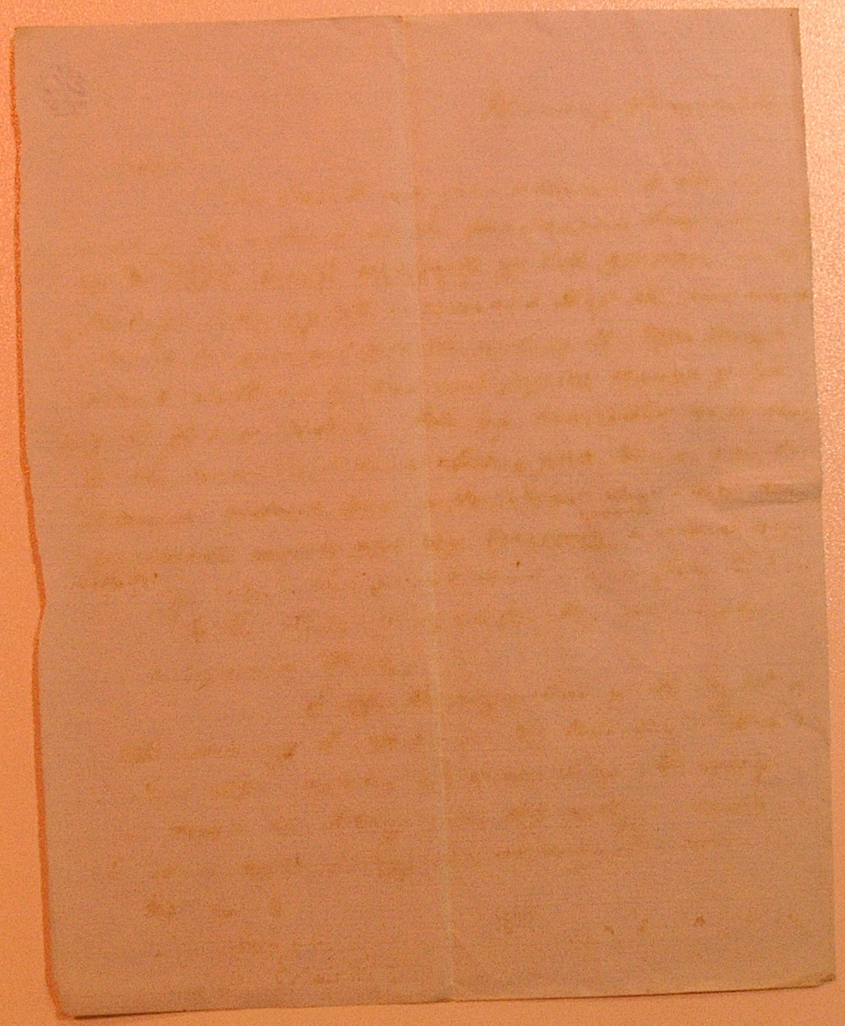
I have received a draft from the Treasurer of the U. States for $ 1200. which I presume is sent to me to supply Messrs Howland and Aspinwall as suggested in my letter of the 11th inst. I am expecting to hear from you in regard to the supply of Silver in the Mint at San Francisco and also to be sent copies of the agreement with Mr Curtis, both of which subjects I had the honor to present in the letter of the above date. Also on the subject of employing watchmen here and taking them to S. F. &c. One last letter from Mr Howland a copy of which I enclose to you.

I would be glad to hear from you on the subject of the distribution of the New Coins in reply to my letter of the 4th inst.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your Ob.t Serv.t

Hon. James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden



I certify that Mr. John Fussler has been suffering from ill health for several weeks past. I have no doubt but that a respite from active employment would contribute essentially to his recovery.

S. C. Hutchinson M.D

West Philad.
Oct. 14th/53

Rec'd 19 Oct
1833

Pawcatuck Bank Conn.
Oct. 15. 1833

Daniel Stungeon Esq

Dear Sir

I forwarded
by Express
you on the 12th Inst $3,000 in Gold
$50. pieces to be recomd, and requested
your acknowledgment of the
receipt of the same, not having heard
from you. I have some apprehension that
it has not been received, please answer
by return Mail, and much oblige
When I sent the Gold I intended to
have paid the expense of sending here
having ascertained how much it would
be before sending viz $1.25 pr Thousand
but the Express agent here neglected
to mark the bill paid & the consequence
was it went unpaid — If you prefer
me to do so, I will send you a check
on Phila. or New York for the expense you may
have paid

Yours very Resp'y
B. & J. Morgan Cashr

Direct —
Westerly R.I.

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Copy

Mint of the United States.
Phila. Oct. 14, 1853

Sir,

In your letter of yesterday you state that "the Metropolitan and Mechanic Institute of Washington desire that Mr. Booth should be allowed to prepare that institution a dies for their medals." I suppose that Mr. Booth's name has been inadvertently used for Mr. Peale's who has sent to you had something to do with medals. But no dies for medals are made at the Mint. The two best die sinkers for medals in this Country are Mr. C. C. Wright of New York and Mr. A. H. Whitcher of Boston.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your Obt. Servant
James R. Snowden
Director

Hon. J. Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasy
Wash. City.

Treasury Department
October 17. 1853.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant I have to say that the Treasurer's draft for $1200 was, as you suppose, drawn upon you for the purpose of furnishing Mr. Hawton with $400 of Mr. Edgerton with $500 on account of their expenses to St. Thomas. As it appears from your letter of the 1st instant that the Mail to be employed need not leave Philadelphia before November of December the Department will address you in the course of a few days as to what extent to the payment of their expenses to St. Thomas and the compensation to be allowed after their arrival there.

A copy of the Contract referred to will

be furnished to Phila Hewston and
Lot left before their departure -

The Banks of this City complain
heavily of the want of gold dollars - Can they
be supplied from the Mint with $20000 or any
portion of that sum or - making a deposite
with the Treasurer here -

Yours very Resp.
James Pollock
Dir. Treasury

J. Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint
Phila

Recd 20 Oct
Ans. 21

Stephen Haskell,
Justus M. Pomeroy,
John M. Bridge.

Exchange Bank of Haskell & Co.

BANKERS, DEALERS IN FOREIGN & DOMESTIC EXCHANGE, GOLD, SILVER, BANK NOTES, LAND WARRANTS, &C.
COLLETIONS PROMPTLY MADE AND REMITTED FOR FREE OF CHARGE.

To the U. S. Assayer St. Louis, October 14. 1853.
Phila.

We send through our friends. Drexel & Co. 3 Cans County Gold dust. amty to 4600 $. This dust is from Oregon. and Contains much Platina. as we learn this Metal is nearly as valuable as gold. we wish if you deem it most profitable. to have the Platina seperated from the Gold & handed to our Friends Drexel & Co. as well as the proceeds of the gold dust.

Yours Haskell & Co

✓	3120			
✓	4350			
✓	4090			
✓	730			
✓	302			
✓	357			
✓	278.50			
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✓	44.80			
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Mint of the United States.
Phila.a Oct. 15, 1853.

Sir,

I have your favor of yesterday. I have paid Mrs Houston $700. and Mrs Geo. Eckfeldt $50. in compliance with your instructions, and have this disbursed the amt of the draft received from the Treas. U. States.

I can supply the Banks of your city with $20,000 in gold dollars, in exchange for other gold coins or in payment of a Treasury draft.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your ob.t servant,

James R. Snowden
Director.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Oct. 15, 1852.

Sir,

I endose the officiers bond of Geo.
W. Edelman Esq.r with my approval.
I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your ob.t servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon.ble James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,
15 Oct. 1834.

Sir,

The parcel of silver coins which you addressed to me was duly received. It ought perhaps to have been entrusted to the Bpheus Co. for you, as I generally decline acting as agent in such matters. I may remark also that the amount sent by you was too small - $100 being the minimum amount receivable by the Mint. However, to save you the inconvenience of having your coins returned I have directed it to be received; and the proceeds are this day sent to you by Adams & Co's Express at your expense & risk.

The Mint weight of your coins was 55 8/100 ounces which at $1.21 per oz. is $66.51. You give the weight at 60 ounces. The Mint uses troy weight, & 55 8/100 oz. troy is equal to 61 7/100 oz. avoirdupois.

Very respectfully

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. R. Delaney Esq.
Washington D.C.

Custom House, Baltimore.

Deputy's Collector's Office, Oct. 14th 1853.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. advising me of the transmission to this Office per Express Adams & Co's of the sum of one Hundred Dollars in expectation of your coming to hands.

I feel gratified and obliged to you for your kindness in furnishing me with the Hundred Dollars in Notes of Banks in good credit for Bonds and avail myself of this first opportunity to send to their address namely, which I have this day done through the agency referred to above.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servant

Philip. F. Thomas
Collector

Dft
Daniel Sturgeis Esq
Steam N. L. Line
Philadelphia

Racine P.O.
Aug 17 1853

Hon Daniel Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint Phila

Dear Sir

Our City is
very Scarce of Change
& I have been requested
to Enquire of You
whether Cents could
be coined in Change
immediately. At what
kind of funds you
must have in Exchange
for Silver Change.
If old Silver is sent
how long before the
new Coin could be
sent, & in return
Im ours

Your answer to the above enquiries will much oblige me & many of our citizens

You will recollect a large man from Wisconsin who you met daily at Browns Hotel, Washington & who has an appteast for the P.O. Racine Wis

Please the pleasure of informing you that his application was successful & that he is home addressing you

I am in the daily receipt of the Pennsylvania

& of course keep posted on your State politics I congratulate you & the Democracy in their late victory & in the support you are giving to our Free Administration

I remain yours &c

B.B. Carey
P.M.
Racine
Wis

Syracuse Bank

Syracuse Oct 7 1857

~~Cashier~~

Treasurer NY State Mint

Dear Sir—

Your favor of the ___ with enclosures is received, and shall have attention.

I enclose for ~~Collection~~ Cent

Respectfully &c

A. J. Butler Cash

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My/dft on Bk State of NYork $100.

Bank of Rutland
Oct. 17th 1853

Treasurer U.S. Mint

Dr Sir

I enclose ck.
on Metropolitan Bank Ny. for $100.
for which please send me one Hy of cents
via New York & Troy

Respy yours &c

J.R. Page Cas
Byr. Hubbard Pres

Washington – D.C.
Corner of 7th and G. Sts
October 17th 1863.

To the Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

On the 12th inst, I sent you per Adams and Co's Express a package containing sixty six dollars, in American old coinage, which I proposed to sell to you at $1.21.0 per ounce.

Up to this time I have not been advised of its receipt by you.

Should feel much obliged by your letting me know, if said package have reached you.

I am Sir,

Very obediently yours.

Thomas B. Delany.

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Mint of the United States.
Philada. Oct. 17, 1853.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 15th inst, with the enclosures stated. Mr Newton has left us to day and Mr Eckfeldt goes tomorrow. They leave New York on the 20th inst for San Francisco. I have given them letters to Dr Trudeau Superintendent. And given Mr Eckfeldt Copies of the agreements between the government and Mr Curtis' and also a letter of instructions.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
Your Ob't Servant,
James Pollock
Director

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Supdt of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir Herewith no
have you One hundred Dolls.
in gold - for which please
remit per Mess Adams & Co
Express the same value in
pennies - addressed to
M. Bonacue
Milwaukee Wis
And oblige
Yr. Resp.
S. B. Chittenden & Bro & Co
72 Broadway

New York Oct 7 1853

214
81
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14.680,72
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Mint of the United States
October 18. 1853

Sir

In conformity with the act of March 3. 1853 c.77. I have now the honor to present to you a quarterly account of the expenditures of the mint for the two quarters which have transpired since the passage of the act

Expenditures in the 2nd quarter 1853

Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs		$ 54.6 77
Wages of Workmen		25.010.15
Salaries of Officers & Clerks		3.550.00
	Total	15. 257.15

Expenditures in the 3rd quarter 1853

Incidental & Contingent Exps & Repairs		$ 65.486.78
Wages of Workmen		31.257.84
Salaries of Officers & Clerks		5.550.00
	Total	$ 102.257.27

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Hon. James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden
Director

Mint of the United States,
Oct. 18, 1853.

Sir,

In conformity with the Act of March 4, 1853, c. 97, I have now the honor to present to you a quarterly account of the expenditures of the Mint, for the two quarters which have transpired since the passage of the Act.

Expenditures in the 2d quarter 1853.

Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs	$ 54,699.72
Wages of Workmen	25,010.13
Salaries of Officers & Clerks	5,550.00
Total	$ 85,259.85

Expenditures in the 3d quarter 1853.

Incidental & Contingent Exp. & Repairs	$ 63,486.73
Wages of Workmen	31,250.54
Salaries of Officers & Clerks	5,550.00
Total	$ 100,287.27

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of Treasury.

I am respectfully,
Your obt. Servt
James Ross Snowden
Director

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Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
October 19th 1853

Wm Dan'l Harper
Treasurer U.S. Mint:
Philadelphia
Sir:

I have this day received your Bullion, Copper, & Ordinary Expense Accounts, for the Month of June last.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

T K Smith
Auditor

Custom House, Baltimore.

Collector's Office, Oct 19 1852

Sir:

I have just received your letter of the 18th inclosing for my endorsement Draft No 458 for the sum of [illegible] dollars and ten cts which amount was deposited with this office by the mint in the 4th Quarter last in the distribution of new silver coin.

The amount has been placed to the credit of the Treasurer upon the books of this office, and I have the pleasure to return the draft to you, endorsed as you desired.

I remain very respectfully
Your obt servt.

Philip F. Thomas
Coll & Depositary

Dft
Dan'l Sturgeon Esq
Treas U.S. Mint
Philada

Mint of the United States,
Philad.a Oct. 19. 1853.

Dear Sir,

Under instructions from the Sec.
of the Treasury I am preparing the apparatus
& implements for the New York Assay
office. Among other articles it is necessary
to make some balances. I believe you have
in your office one or more balances. You
will please inform me what kind they are;
how much they will weigh &c. &c. I will
then be enabled to determine what additi-
als are it is requisite for me to have
made.

I am, very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.
James Ross Snowden

Hon. J. A. Dix
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Philadelphia Oct 19th 1838.

To Miram Wolf Manch Chunk Pa

Fred's Ward

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Oct. 20th 1853

The Director gives notice that Silver Coins will be paid out at the Mint in exchange for Gold Coins, in sums not less than One Hundred Dollars of any one denomination of coin, and in larger amounts at the option of the Director

Signed,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Adams & Co's Express Office
Philadelphia Oct. 20th 1853

To The Cashier:

Above we send you copy of Notice issued by the Director Of The United States Mint.

We are prepared to receive Orders accompanied by Gold, or Drafts on Philadelphia or New-York, obtain the New Silver Coin, and forward it either by our own Express, or by other Companies, to every City and Town in the United States, accessible by Express, Steamboat or Rail Road conveyance.

The Mint continues to purchase Silver at the former rates, and parties who transmit us their Old Coin can depend upon having Immediate Returns in either Gold or Silver of the new emission, at the option of the Consignor.

If Drafts on New York be sent us, we shall be compelled to dispose of them at the market rate, which will never exceed one eighth per cent. discount. Parties residing at points not reached by our Express, can forward Silver or Gold to our nearest Office, Marked to our Care, using the precaution to inform us by Mail, what line they send by, and also designating the conveyance by which they wish the coin returned.

We shall make no charge for attention to these commissions beyond the customary Express Freight on the returns.

For further information, please address

Your Obt. Servts. Adams & Co.

Depositary's Office
Pittsburgh Oct 20 1853

Sir,

Mr Harding is absent from the city and will not return before Monday next, as soon as he comes, he will endorse the transfer draft for $500. received with your letter of the 18th inst. and return it to you.

I make this explanation in order to account for the short delay in returning you the draft

Very respectfully Sir
Your obt Servt
John Taylor
Clk for Depositary

Howd. Sturgeon
Treasr U.S. Mint
Phila

Rochester City Bank,

Rochester, Octo 20 1853.

To the
Treas of the U. S. Mint
Phila

~~Esq., Cashier.~~

Sir:

I have received with enclosure, your favor of the _____, and now forward ~~for collection~~: you enclose

Our dft on Am. Ex. Bank NY. for $250.- for which please ~~send~~ us ~~the~~ amt in cents all, or as many as you can in $50. Kegs.

Yours very Respy
Wm. H. Rochester
Treas

Rec'd 27 Oct
Ans —

Rec'd 1781 — 4 Oct

Bank of Albion
Albion Oct. 20th. 1853

D. Stanton Esq.
Treasurer &c.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 17th. instant is received —
We took no receipt for the coin which we sent to the Mint at Philadelphia, either from the Treasurer, or from the Express Company — If any receipt was given by the Treasurer, it must have been given to the agents of the express Company in your city — If any receipt was given to them, you will greatly oblige me, if you will recall it, and return to me the box with the ~~coin~~ new coin by the same express — I am in great need of the change —

Very Respectfully yours
W. B. Brewster, Cash.

Rec'd Nov
Ans Dec Mens Sent - Money
Money sent 24 July

St Joseph Mo Oct 20th 1851

J. Engle Esqr Treasurer of Mint of U. States, Philadelphia

Sir:

I hold the rect of the Treasurer of said mint, numbered 6986 under date of July 22nd 1851, for 20-61/100 ounces of Gold Bullion - and as the amount or value of said deposit is not specified, I wish now to ascertain the value of it, and therefore address you for that purpose -

You will please upon the receipt of this, answer and give me the required information, and the time when the same will be payable. and much

Obliged Yours

Sarah Dillon -

Office Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

Boston, Oct. 20. 1853.

Sir.

I herewith return to you, with my endorsement, the Transfer Draft you enclosed to me in yours of the 15th. inst., according to your request; the same being for amount of silver coin received June 11th., 1853.

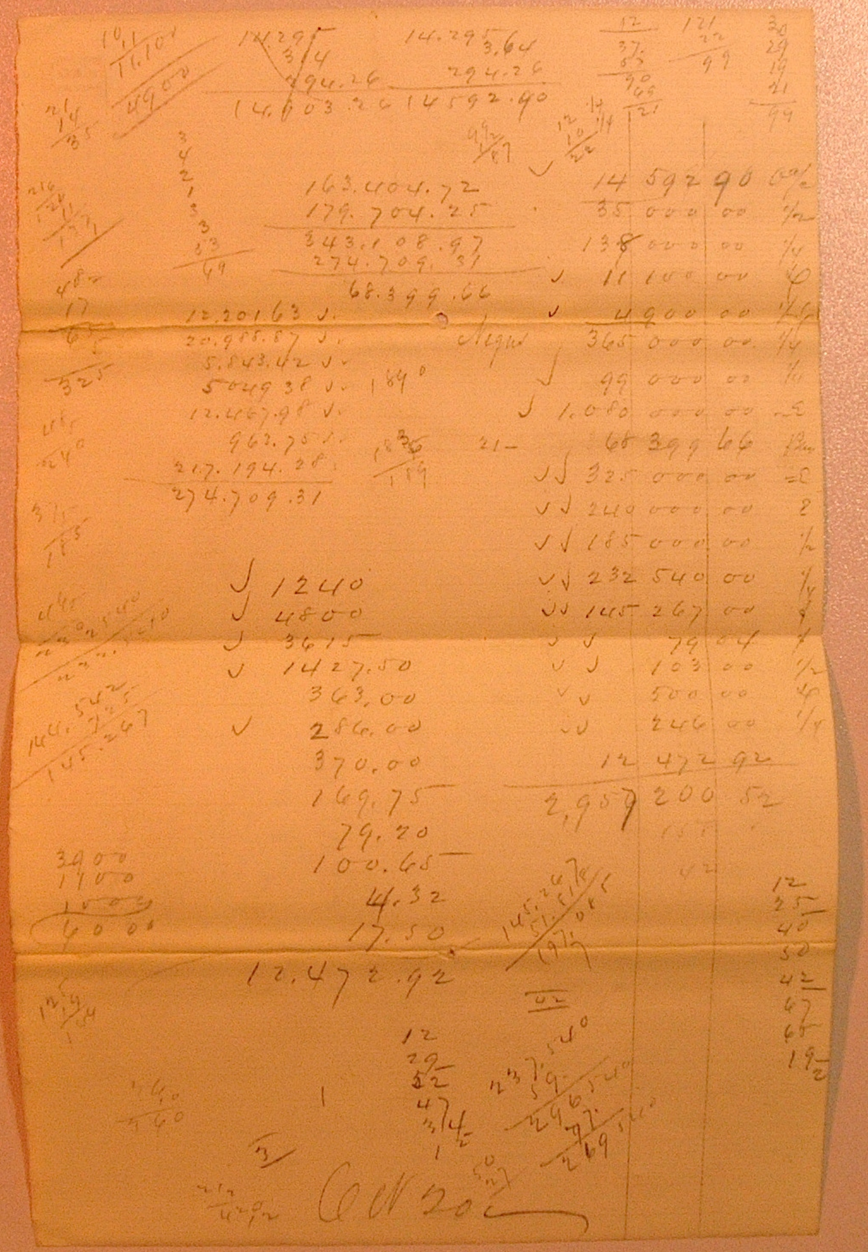
Very Respectfully,

Your Obt. Svt.

Franklin Haven
Asst. Treas. U. S.

Boston, Mass.

To the
Treas. of the
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.



Racine
October
21st 1853

Daniel Mungeon Esq
Cashier United States Mint Philadelphia

Sir
Will you please inform me by Return
of Mail whether I can have Smith Solen
under quarters and pennies and the least Amt
of Silver I can get

Respectfully
yours
Wm Kyle & Bro

Apt Treasurers Office
Charleston S.C.
Oct 2/24

Sir

Herewith I return with my endorsement, the transfer draft, which covers your deposit of 20 Eagles coin at this office, in favor last

very respectfully
Your obt
Servt
B. C. Pressley
Apt Treasurer

Danl. Simpson Esq
U. S. Treasurer
Philadelphia

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.
New-York, 28. Oct. 1853.

James Ross Snowden Esq,
Director of the Mint.
Dear Sir,

We have but one
scale in this office. It was manufactured
by Dearborn of Boston, and is designed to weigh
five thousand Dollars in Gold Coin as its maxi-
mum capacity. We shall, of course, need it for
constant use in this office, before the Assay Office
is established. —

I am, dear Sir,
Respectfully Yours,
John A. Dix
Asst. Treas.

Bank of Orleans
Albion N.Y.
Oct 21 1853

Frank H Smith

I send you by
Express this day $600 of
Silver Coin, for which I
want $4 Dollars of the
new Coinage.

Yours respt

Henry A King
Cashier

Can I ant specimens be attended
now?

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27,189.71

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Philad. Oct. 22d 1853

Col. James Ross Snowden
Director of the United States Mint.

Sir

At a personal interview, we made you the following offers for the transportation, on account of the United States Government, of One Million of Dollars in Silver Coin, from the Mint in New Orleans to the Mint in Philadelphia viz: four tenths of one per cent to transport without Insurance, and One per cent to transport with Insurance.

You inform us that the Secretary of the Treasury has instructed you to accept

own offer of four tenths of one per cent
without Insurance. The low rate of freight
and the large amount, make it proper that
the transaction should be fully understood
by both parties.

At the terms of four tenths of one per cent
we stipulate that we shall have the privilege
of transporting the Coin, in first class Steam-
Boats on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers,
from New Orleans to Wheeling or Pittsburg,
at our option, and that we shall be released
by the Secretary of the Treasury from all
the risks of River navigation. This being
assented to, by the Secretary of the Treasury through
you, we shall be pleased to undertake the com-
mission, and trust we shall be able to perform it
to your satisfaction.

Your Obedient Servants

Adams & Co

Wm. Adams & Co
23 Wall

28th Oct 1853

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Mint of the United States.
Philada Oct. 19. 1853.

Sir,

I have the honor to suggest the propriety of transferring, say one million of dollars of Silver bullion from the Branch Mint at New Orleans to this Mint.

Our Silver transactions under the act of March 3. 1853 are as follows.

Silver bullion purchased at the Mint of the U. States, Philada from 1st Mch. 1853 to the 18th of Octr. inclusive $6,[illegible]

" Coinage during same period $1,184,000

Amount in process of Coinage $1,496,000

New Orleans Branch Mint.

Silver purchases to 30th Sept 1853. $3,615,000

" Coinage during same period 800,000

Amount of Silver bullion on hand. 2,815,000

As our Silver Coinage at this Mint exceeds a million a month it is evident that we must increase our supply of bullion, and in

mein of the Coinage at New Orleans being Comparatively small and their supply of bullion very large it would seem proper that a portion of it should be transferred to that Mint.

I have obtained an offer from Major Cass and Mr Sandford of the firm of Adams & Co's Express to take specie under the orders to that City, say one millions of dollars bullion, via the Western Rivers, at the following rates— 4/10 of one per cent. without special insurance — equal to $4,000. — two millions — with insurance in addition from 6/10 of one per cent. equal to $6,000. They will undertake to deliver it here by the 15th day of December next; which will be in time to suit our operations here.

This offer seems a reasonable one, and in view of the circumstances I submit it to your consideration.

I will announce to Norman on the next day that we will exchange Silver Coins for gold at this Mint. I would be glad to have your decision in regard to the distribution to other points, in reply to my former letters on the subject.

[illegible] has the honor to be
with great respect,
[illegible] Stewart,
James Hopkinson,
Solicitor.

Hon. James McHenry,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

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728.04
1,122.26

21.03
121
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Exchange constantly for sale, Interest paid on Time Deposites, Bills Discounted, Coin Bought and Sold, and prompt attention given to Collections.

Banking House of Luther, Crall and Co.

Ashland, Ohio, Oct 22. 1855.

E. C. Dale Esq
Dear Sir.

On 27th Ult. we mailed to you our Check on New York for $60 - requesting a Keg of Coppers. Has it been rec'd?

Yours Truly
Luther Crall & Co

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Oct. 12. 1853.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 20th ult. Mr. Sandford & Adams & express will be here on Monday, at which time I will wait upon you in regard to the transportation of New Orleans.

You are prepared to pay the Gov.t Assay at New York $200,000 in Silver Coin, and $100,000 to the Gov.t Assay Office Boston should he accept your offer.

You have commenced to pay exchanging Silver Coin for gold at the Mint. Large amounts of Silver will be put in circulation not only for this locality, but for other places. The question which you remark is entirely distinct for the present it is sufficient to suspend the arrangement for transporting to new England points"

I have the honor to be
your most humble
& obedient Servant

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treas.y

Treasury Department
October 24. 1853.

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 22nd. instant. The Department does not consider it necessary to have any more formal contract with Mess.rs Mahe & Sandel than that contained in the correspondence between the parties, that being considered sufficiently binding.

I would suggest the expediency of arranging with Mess.rs Adams & Co. for the Transfer of not more than $100 000 from N. Orleans at one time.

I am very Resp.y
Jas. Guthrie
Sec.y of the Treasury.

Jas. Prof. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mints
Phila.a

Boston Oct. 24. 1853

James R. Snowden Esqr.

Dear Sir.

Having just returned from Kentucky I feel desirous of knowing at what time my duties as Melter & Refiner of the new Assay Office to be established in New York, will commence. - When I ought to give bonds & security, and when my salary begins.

Any other information you may deem important, will be gratefully received.

An early reply will much oblige

Very respectfully & truly yours &c.

J. Cobb

No. 3 Kingston Street

Boston

Mass.

Washington 186- Corner of 7th and D - Street

October 25th 1853

To
Thomas Ruffin Esquire
Chief Justice
Supreme Court United States

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your favor of the 5th Inst, which has just
come to hand -

I have also received the
$67-51 - per Adams Express -

I feel very much obliged

Very respectfully
your Obdt Servant

Thomas D - Delaney -

Copy

U S Mint
Office of Melters & Refiners
Phil. 24th Oct. 1838.

J R Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Dear Sir

The Secretary of the Treasury having requested me to present my views to him in relation to the employment of an alloy for the Cent coinage, I herewith offer them to you as the official channel of communication.

The heavy weight of copper coin required to represent a small value renders such coin objectionable, while it is at the same time desirable to possess a coin which shall represent a unit of the Dollar. It appears to me that since no single metal possesses the proper intermediate value between Silver and Copper an alloy may be employed of such medium value, which shall also have the desirable properties for coin in wear, sound or ring, and appearance.

I have examined various alloys with this object in view, and have concluded that a composition like that known as German Silver presents a combination of the requisite properties, with this

additional advantage that its constituent metals are to be obtained in reliable quantity and of reliable quality. I propose such a proportion of the three metals contained in german Silver as shall produce an alloy of a nearly Silver white appearance, which shall be easily coined, shall wear well, and posess a good ring when struck.

The supply of copper and zinc, metals of ordinary commercial value, is of course unlimited and their price only subject to usual commercial fluctuation. The supply of nickel is more limited but yet more than sufficient for the purposes to which it is applied, and since it is now found abundantly in various countries, including the United States, its price will only be subject to commercial fluctuation. Its high value say, about ten dollars per lb, is due to the chemical methods required to refine it and not to its limited distribution, compared with copper and zinc. Slight impurities in copper and zinc do not materially impair their quality, whereas nickel is rendered almost wholly unfit for use, except it be highly refined. There is therefore every reason to believe that no less expensive methods of refining it will be devised, and that therefore its value will differ but little from that above quoted. The price of the alloy proposed will therefore be subject to commercial variations alone.

One objection urged against the use of the alloy proposed is its resemblance to Silver. To this it may be replied that there are imitations of our Silver coin made of german Silver and yet the differing properties of the alloy from Silver lead directly to its detection have prevented its common substitution as a counterfeit. The introduction of such coin would not influence the counterfeiting of Silver more than at present, because good qualities of german Silver are abundant in the market at present & have been for many years past. It might be further objected that since we propose employing a superior quality of the alloy, an inferior quality might be used illegally to make cent coin, with profit to the manufacturer. If persons were to make cents of less weight but the same quality as we propose, there would be the same opportunity of detection as there is at present with our copper cent. If they were to substitute an inferior quality of alloy, the gain would be too small to the manufacturer unless a much smaller proportion of nickel were employed in the alloy; and in this case, the quality of metal would be visible to the eye and perceptible to the touch. If there were but little less nickel than we propose, the profit would be so small that no one would undertake counterfeiting the cent unless he could throw off a very large number of

pieces into circulation. In such case, the counterfeiter would soon be discovered, there is therefore, I apprehend, but little to fear from the substitution of German silver for copper in the cent coinage,

I would go one step further, if such alloy should meet with favour from the Secretary of the Treasury and propose both a one cent and a two cent peice. It would thus offer remarkable facilities for making change in the ordinary transactions of daily life, from our having the simple units 1. 2. 3 and 5 cent pieces.

I have the honor to be dear Sir
Yours, with sincere regard
James G. Booth

Hon. Wm. L. Marcy
Sec. of the Treasury
&c

Phila. 26th Oct 1853

Mint of the United States
Phila. Oct 28th 1853

Sir

I inclose two communications to me from Mr Booth on the subject of a German silver coinage for cents,

It is certainly true that the copper coin is disliked in the southern and middle States and not used at all in the southern and western States. The employment of a substitute seems desirable if there are no obstacles in the way, the main objections are answered by Mr Booth in his 2d letter I think in a satisfactory manner.

I have the subject for your consideration & have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. R. Snowden
Director

Hon. Secy of the Treasury

Custom House
Collector's Office
Savannah 24 October 1853

Sir

I herewith transmit Transfer Draft No 459 for $1000 received by me in Silver coin which said Draft is endorsed as requested by you in yours of the 18th inst and

am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Chas Poston

Depositary

Saml. Sturgeon Esq
Treasr U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Syracuse Bank N.Y.
Syracuse N.Y. Oct 24. 1853

Treasurer of U.S. Mint
or Assistant Treasurer

Sir, I am informed that Gold will be received at your office in exchange for silver coin at par in sums of not less than $500.

Will a sight draft on New York be as favorably received as Gold? Please answer

Very Respy

A. L. Butler
Cashier

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Post Office Pittsburg Pa
October 22d 1853

Col J. Ross Snowden

Dear Sir

Before leaving this City after your appointment you were kind enough to offer me the accommodation of Small change from the mint when needed for the use of this Post office.

Being a little scarce at present I take the liberty of inclosing to you a draft on A Benson & Co for five hundred dollars for which you will please send me by Adams & Co Express that amount in Dimes and half Dimes. if it can be done without inconvenience to yourself. Should it be in your power to accommodate me I will take great pleasure in reciprocating the favor when opportunity offers

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Robt Anderson, P. M.

Rec'd. Oct. 25 Sent same day per Adams & Co.
$250 in dimes
250 p.o. "
500.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a Oct. 21, 1833

It is ordered that a days work shall be expanded to ten hours. But it shall be at the option of the Director on the application of the Officers Concerned to require over-work for which extra pay shall be allowed at the rate of one-tenth of a days wages for every hour. Provided that no employee shall be allowed more than two hours extra in any period of twenty four hours, and then only on the requisition of the proper officer and the approval of the Director, in which requisition the names of the workmen shall be stated. And provided that no foreman shall be allowed for any extra time he may be employed.

Samuel Roosp Snowden
Director

Mint of the United States
Philada Oct 22 1838

Sir

I enclose a Statement showing the receipts and payments of coins during the week ending to day, and showing the denominations of the amount in the Treasury of the Mint

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
Your Obt Svt

Director

Hon James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Washington City

Mint of the United States.
Philada. Oct. 24. 1832.

Sir.

I have your favor of the 22d inst. enclosing the hamper despatch Steamboat.

Messrs Adams & Co. wish it understood and agreed that they are not to be responsible for the risks of steam navigation. I enclose a copy of their letter to me on the subject. The silver ($1.000,000) weighs about thirty two tons. The weight and bulk being great, the probability of loss by steam navigation is small in view of its necessity from almost any position it might be placed by fires on other Boats. I will be glad to have your instructions on the subject at your earliest convenience.

I suppose the $100,000. from New Orleans to St Louis is to be taken at the rates proposed by Messrs Adams & Co. to the Superintendt.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your Obt Servant
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie.
Sec. of the Treasury.

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Richmond Oct 25th 53

To the President of the Mint at Phila

Sir

Whilst I was in the Mountains of Va. this Summer, I saw a paragraph in a paper, offering a reward for an approved device, and as I could not come home any sooner, I beg of you, Sir, to let me know whether I shall have time yet to make a drawing, and forward it to you

I have the honor to be, Sir

Your obt Servant

G. Persico

Send circular & state that although the time for Comp. has expired yet I will be glad to receive any designs he may send me.

Treasury Department
Oct. 25 1853

Sir

It has been represented to me that a Merchant in New York is in the practice of purchasing the new Silver Coin and of obtaining from it, a considerable profit: it being also stated by many Exchanges, that Spanish Dollars contain gold. Without attaching undue credit to this statement, I will nevertheless thank you to cause a careful analysis to be made, at the Mint, of Spanish dollars and other Silver in hand for the purpose of assaying, in order to determine whether or not, it is, in any degree, well founded. Secretary Dep[t]y

James Guthrie

Secy of the Treasy

Jno Kelly Snowden Esq
Director Mint.

Recd 26 Oct
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Office of the Journal of Commerce,
October 25th 1853

Dear Sir.

We have always been in the habit of publishing the Statement of the business at the Mint on the morning of the first of each month, but a few months since our Correspondent failed to obtain it in season for us, and has succeeded since in procuring it but once, in time to forward in the closing mail of the last of each month, while one of our Contemporaries always obtains it. I think we ought to stand as favorably with you as others in this City, especially as the writer has now been some years appointed by the Pres. Com. of the Mint, became familiar with the mode of operations, and took occasion subsequently to defend its Officers from the unjust aspersions of the very writers now receiving that which is denied Us. Our Correspondent Mr Jas S. Wallace, says that he was unable to obtain the statement in time last

month, while the next morning after his application it appeared in full in the Times of this City. May I be the favor to know the difficulties in the way of our procuring it, and any suggestions as to how they may be obviated?

I have the honor to be
Yours very Respy
David M. Stone
Commercial Editor
New York Journal of Com.

Hon. David Stimpson
Treasurer Wards

Taunton Oct 25. 1883

Dan'l Sturgeon Esq

Treas. M. S. Mills

Dear Sir

We have recd your favor of the 22nd inst - with Statement of Settlement of our acct to 8th inst - & inclosing draft on New York, for $1.123 - being the balance due to said account -

Yours very respectfully

Crocker Bros & Co

Mint of the United States
Philada 4 Oct. 25. 1838

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 24th. but by a mistake for the 22d inst. It is expected that the Assay office in New York will be in operation on the 1st of February next. Your official bond may be executed at once, but I am not informed when your Salary Commences. I have to day written to the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject. When I have his answer I will immediately write to you.

We are preparing all the apparatus and implements for your department and hope to have them ready by the 1st of February. I will be happy to see you here at any time that may suit your convenience.

I am, Respectfully
and truly Yours
Samuel Moore

D. L. Cobb
No 3 Arlington Street
Boston.

Mint of the United States
Philada. Oct. 25. 1853.

Sir,

I received to day a letter from Dr. S. Cobb, who is now at Boston, in which he inquires, "when his duties as Melter & Refiner at New-York will commence, when he should give his official bond, and when his salary commences." I have replied to him that it is expected that the Assay office will be in operation on the 1st of February next, and that he can at once execute his official bonds, and that I would inquire of the Department at what time his salary will commence. You will please therefore inform me on this subject.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States.
Phila. Oct. 26. 1858.

Sir,

When I had the pleasure of seeing Col. Washington at the Mint, we had some conversation in reference to the wages of the workmen who were to be taken to San Francisco. It was suggested to allow them $3.00 per day, until their arrival at San Francisco, after which they were to be allowed $5.00 per day, until Mr. Birdsall the Superintendent should fix the proper rate of wages. The men have not been taken until the 20th of December, but it is well to have the matter arranged soon. Mr. Newton has selected ten men as being necessary for his department. Mr. Booth suggests that one of these men should leave here on the 5th or at the latest on the 20th of December. His services are required in putting up the copying arrangements and having the many years experience in the mint is familiar with the minutes of the arrangements &c necessary to be made and can explain them personally.

I have to ask, in what way my account for
expenditures may be settled, and to whom shall
I render it? I have then forwarded
of 1200 which I have paid to Messrs Newton
and Eckfeldt and hold their receipts.

With the Branch Mint that was in opera-
tion it is the custom for the Director to keep
an account with their treasurers, which he
settles from time to time as may be necessary.
But under the circumstances connected with the
San Francisco Mint I had perhaps better settle
with the Department. It is proper to re-
mark that the amount placed in the hands
of the Director by the Treasurer of the Mint
Whilst is small; the general expenditures being
made at such Branch under the direction
of their Superintendent.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your obt. servt.
James Ross Snowden,
Director.

Dr. Mint San Francisco.

As the men selected are poor it is necessary that some advances to them should be made. Mr Booth and Mr Newton informed me that about £100. each will be sufficient.

So far as I can now ascertain the following sums are likely to be furnished me to meet expenditures.

Advances to workmen - say	£1000.
Apparatus & Materials, including	
copper, Zinc, acids &c.	1800.
Stamps for bars.	100.
Account books, Memoranda	
Receipts &c. about	350.
Say	£2750

The above is in part an estimate. The actual amount may be more or less. I have advanced a small amount from our ordinary funds, but it will be convenient to be reimbursed and funds as above furnished. Most of the items embraced as "Apparatus, Materials &c" may be purchased until an appropriation is made by Congress. But if it suits the convenience of the Department this outlay payment will be made satisfactorily.

Mint of the United States
Phil. Sept. 30th 1878.

To the Treasurer of the Mint,

Charge Silver Coinage and
credit Silver Bullion deposited for Coinage, with

Treasury Department
Oct 26 1820

Sir

I have received your letter of the 24th inst. For the pleasure in letter change, intended for St Lucie, you will please engage on the best terms not higher than those offered by Mess.rs Adams, for both transportation and insurance. the transfer of the 1000 000$ to Phila. for coinage may, for the present, be suspended.

I presume the supply of silver to be expected on the Atlantic side of the Country is pretty much exhausted. Our offer is expected shortly for delivering at Phila Mexican dollars to be obtained through these bleaus. Should you please inform me by letter in your opinion it will soon be necessary to look to this source of supply for your operations, and what time

if any over the present rates, can be
paid for it and leave the necessary
margin for expenses of Convoy &
distribution &c.

Upon the subject of your inquiry
touching the salary of D. Robb Esqr
to say that both he and Dr Torrey
have been advised in that particular

I am very respt
Your Mo Obt Servt
Secy of the Treasy

Lieut R. Snowden Engr
Director of the Mint
Phila

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